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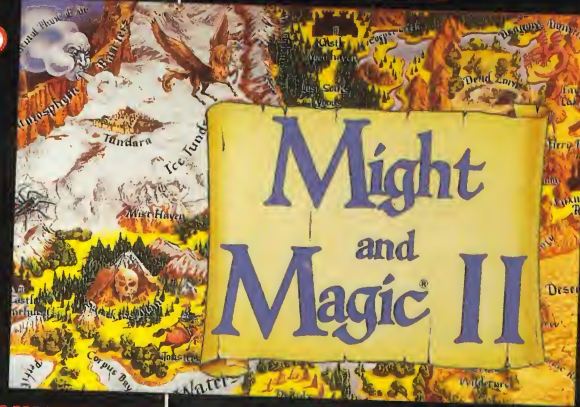
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WELCOME TO THE PLEASUREDOME...

In Xanadu Kubla Khan decreed that a mint Game Boy mag should be produced to serve the readership of the entire galaxy.

Alex Lee



Editor

Ernst Stravos Blofeld, much given over to the frenzied stroking of his furry white pussycat and the wearing of utilitarian grey suits, has had a busy month. He's been plotting world domination and feeding software house PR reps to the sharks swimming in the basement beneath Europa House, the secret headquarters of SPECTRE.

Marc Keating



Art Editor

It can't be much longer before Oddjob bloats into Goldfinger proportions, but for now Mr Odd is content to achieve global domination by decapitating innocent statues with his metal-edged bowler hat. He vows to avoid large metal rooms stacked to the ceiling with large amounts of gold bullion because of the danger of electrocution.

Rob Sharp



Deputy Art Editor

Last seen effecting a miraculous escape from a doomed space station, Jaws has since been pursuing a career in dentistry. He is no longer the loyal henchman but is now the boss. His inevitable plans for global domination include ripping out everyone's teeth and replacing them with sparkly aluminium for no readily apparent reason.

Senior Staff Writer

A mere apprentice in the world of villainy, Baron Samedi has spent his time practising saying "Ah, we meet again, Mr Bond," with a heavy Canadian accent he recently acquired in Canada of all places. There, his plans for global domination were unfortunately scuppered when someone else fed him to the sharks.

Andy Sharp



Jason Spiller

Contributor

He has been putting his gleaming blonde pate to use most recently on the trains between Bognor Regis and Macclesfield. He sneaks up on inspectors from behind, extracts a lethal wire from his wristwatch and then threatens to strangle them if they don't allow his Powerbook to travel half fare. Global domination? He's not too bothered, to be honest.



Ian Lynch

Production Editor

The Man with the Golden Gun, Scaramanga, has a day job assassinating the heads of state of certain obscure Latin American countries. He also moonlights in the field of global domination and plans to hold the world to ransom by threatening to fire a powerful laser into the heart of the sun, which wouldn't do very much really...

Staff Writer

Surprisingly, Dr No doesn't pass the time on his private Caribbean island planning global domination and feeding people to the sharks. Instead he wanders the island meeting people and forcing them to ask him questions to which he always replies, "No." Okay, so if they displease him he feeds them to the sharks anyway, but a villain's got to have a life too, you know.

Robert Smith



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GB ACTION



Welcome to the all-new GB Action. We've completely revamped the magazine just for you eager readers and it's still a snip at only 99p! What a bargain!

You're witnessing a new era in GB Action. Check below for the new staff and have a gander inside at what I'm sure you'll agree is a far more exciting, challenging and in yer face read. Gone

are the days of rounded screenshots and fluffy made up words. Gone is the pre-pubescent look and feel.

In place of the old, predictable fare, we've gone for the jugular. The Game Boy can now be bought for as little as £30 if you shop around, thus making it the most accessible hand held ever. What I mean is this.

It doesn't matter how old you are, what your socio-economic background is or whether your a lad or a lass. There's no excuse for not owning a Game Boy.

Following on from that, there's no excuse for not buying GB Action magazine. Everything you'll ever need to know about the Game Boy you'll find in here.

The letters pages, Write Here, Write Now are your vehicle for yelling out your 'Boy related hopes and fears. Get scribbling. We want to know what you're all into so we can improve the mag.

All the best, **ALEX LEE**

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The most eye catching of the previews we have so far is Interplay's Robocop versus the Terminator. This is closely followed by the Konami triumvirate of Batman the Cartoon Series, Tiny Toons and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3.

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NEWS

FROM THE GAME BOY WORLD



Alex Lee welcomes you to the new look, doubly informative news pages with everything from anime to zoology. Glue your eyes to this information overload.

UTTER CARNAGE

THQ's best ever SNES game will soon have a Game Boy cousin. Total Carnage takes the Super Smash TV (a SNES future gameshow shoot 'em up along the lines of the Williams arcade machine Robotron) scenario into the great outdoors.

Instead of being confined to a television studio, you now have carte blanche to blow away enemies in vast deserts. Viewed from almost directly above, the action is relentless. Thousands of enemy soldiers swarm on, engulfing you unless you kill 'em first. Power-ups are close to limitless, with cer-

tain add-ons making your weapon's fire power almost full screen. Saving static 'good' folk and blasting away for minutes on end against enormous guardians add to the gameplay.

Total Carnage heralds the beginning of a new THQ era. More coverage soon.



Left: General Akhboob, the leader of the baddies, in typical megalomaniac mood.



Right: A near full screen guardian that spits out rank venom from almost every pore.



Ninth Phase

Euromax have launched a new division, Phase 9, specialising in GB add-ons. Among the goodies they offer are ways to magnify your screen, play games in the dark and increase the sound big time. Courtesy of the Phase 9 Power Traveller you can also bug your chauffeur and play the Game Boy in your car. Neat.

How your Game Boy will look when it wears its spectacles. Everything's much clearer now.



SISTER MAGS

The four mags on the right are all related to GB Action. All published by Europress Interactive, these titles are guaranteed to be considerably more of a riveting read than rival publications. You read it here first. Buy 'em.

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ANIME ON THE WAY

The Heroic Legend of Arislan (Part II) takes us back to Pulse. The action is set in 320 AD and the Lusitanian army. Prince Arislan, driven from his homeland, has only one aim – to regain the throne that's rightfully his. A perilous journey ensues through hostile lands with his four loyal subjects in an attempt to conquer the evil forces massed against him.

They reckon, however, without the mysterious Silver mask and Arislan must do some unforeseen soul searching. Directed by Maoru Hamatsu and rendered in the more familiar Anime cartoon style, this could be an essential Manga purchase.

(Certificate PG)



MARVELLOUS MANGA



Tetsuo II: Body Hammer is a nightmare vision of a man who becomes a human gun. Unlike the majority of Manga videos, this release isn't animated.

It stars real people, thus giving it maximum disturbing impact.

The original, Tetsuo: The Iron Man, was Tsukamoto's

impressive directorial debut in 1989 and, according to the critics, the sequel is even better. Imagine a David Lynch flick in Japanese with a Japanese cast and you're getting the idea.

In a kimono-clad nutshell, Tomoo (played by Tomoroh Taguchi)'s son is kidnapped and he freaks out royal style. His body eventually mutates into a massive gun and all hell is let loose. Recommended. (Certificate 18)



Above: The gritty cover of a crazy, mixed-up Manga movie. Highly recommended.

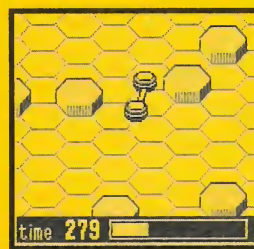
LUCLE STAR

Vic Tokai have one of the quirkiest games yet up their sleeves. Lucle, due for release over here in the first quarter of next year, is unlike anything I've seen before.

A stick with a hexagon on each end has to be guided across a network of larger hexagons to the goal – a set of darker, patterned polygons. The

stick waves from side to side with one of its ends acting as the axis depending on which button you press.

Remember where you saw it first.



2000AD Beckons

Mandarin books present the third wave of graphic novels based on 2000AD characters. Judge Dredd takes centre stage with two paperbacks at £5.99 each. Tales of the Damned sees Mega-City One at breaking point with three psychos at the helm of the havoc. Mechanismo has Dredd teaming up with ten prototype robo judges based on his warped attitude to life, the universe and law. Needless to say, things don't go exactly to plan. The third features Slaine (in hard and softback versions) in Slaine: The Horned God. He's following a path that may or may not teach him the wisdom necessary to control nature's forces. Skizz 2: Alien Cultures completes the gang of four. A convoluted tale involving a kangaroo, a retard and an alien, it's both touching and hilarious. At £5.99, it's a steal – dive into the world of the graphic novel if you haven't already. If you have

then add 'em to your collection.

SCOOP

Zool from Gremlin and Sensible Soccer from Sony Imagesoft could well be the next big things on the Game Boy. Both have good looking SNES counterparts – both will be reviewed fully next month.

A new lifestyle supplement could be comin' at ya in GB Action some time in the future.

Spotted in Super Action's December issue, it's called Over The Edge and it's full of the quirky side of life.

The first sampler edition features Alien War, an exclusive revelation about John Major, a piece about the latest household technology and an interview with a professional bodyguard.



HMV VIRTUAL RETAILING

Opened officially on the 29th of September, HMV Level One is the world's biggest video games store, situated at 150 Oxford Street, London.

It's like er... the inside of a spaceship in many ways – big, silver and futuristic. Apparently the lighting can be changed, via 24 channels of computer controlled light, to create different moods.

A 25 screen video wall is the focal point of the store. All sorts of mad challenges happen here, with the screens divided up depending on the number of players having a dabble. Check it out next time you're in the area – if the game you want isn't there, you're gonna struggle to find it anywhere else.

'BOYS R US

In case you didn't know, the Game Boy is now available at all Toys R Us superstores nationwide for the princely sum of £29.99, thus making it the best value hand held by an even bigger margin than ever before.

Anyone still Game Boyless would be a fool not to take advantage of this ludicrously low price. Let's face it, thirty bar is nothing these days – you can't buy a football shirt or a decent round of drinks for less.



UK CHART

This is the chart to be believed. Elspa have the most accurate chart rendering facilities known to man.

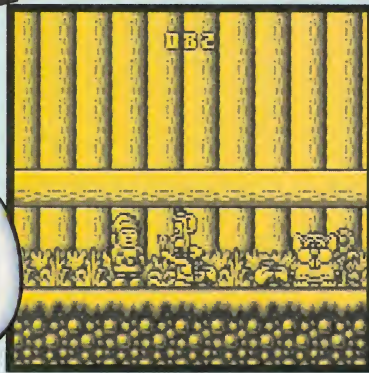
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Looks like you've all believed the hype. Is Mortal Kombat really all that good? And look at all the Nintendo carts.

REVIEW



Below: Get out the catapult to see off a deadly gnome!



THE FIDGETTS

Having been locked inside a quiet country barn Pa Fidgett and family make a beeline for the Game Boy...

You know it's not easy being cooped up inside a dingy barn 24 hours a day, ask Pa Fidgett, he'll tell you. The best thing for anyone stuck in a place where nothing ever happens is for them to get away.

This is where Pops goes wrong. Stowing away on board a boat across the pond to the States may seem like a good idea but there are drawbacks. Especially when you're a family of mice. The trouble is Freddie's gone missing, swept away down a drain. So Frankie has to do the noble thing and set out to rescue his wayward brother.

Throughout each of the levels there are plenty of objects which can be moved around to assist in its completion. Blocks and springs are just a couple of your friends here. They're much needed for Freddie isn't able to leap as high as Frankie.

The brothers are different in size,

shape and abilities which gives the player the feeling that the sprites are individual characters. Or maybe that's me being a bit strange.

Any mistakes or a little hesitancy will leave you in a very dodgy position indeed as the timer you have to beat is dead harsh. The likelihood is that you will fail miserably. It takes a while to suss the levels but some perseverance will pay off.

Between each puzzle section there is a Breakout level where you smack a ball at some blocks until they disappear. Just like the old arcade classic. Even the complicated and difficult sections are in here. This makes a pleasant change from the puzzle zones.

As you would expect from an Elite game the graphics are top notch, every nook and cranny is fully detailed.

Couple this with some perfect scrolling plus easy to use controls and you could find the fidgetts in

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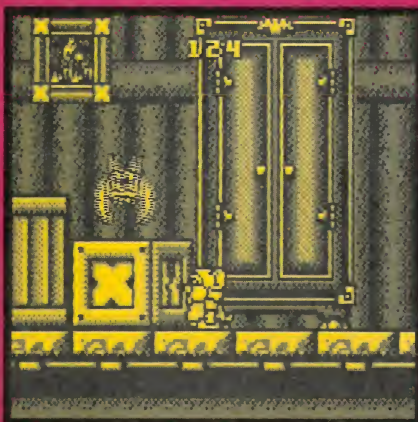
your system for quite some time.

Although the concept isn't the most original you're ever likely to see, the execution is almost as impressive as that of ancient King Charles the First. **ANDY SHARP**

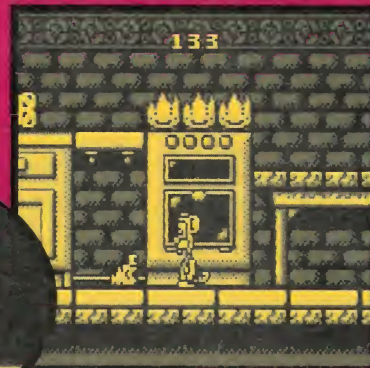
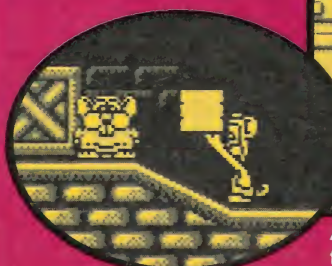


Above: Tall Frankie leaps over boxes with ease, bringing a helping stool to little Freddie. Quick, time's pressing.

All that scratchin' is makin' me itch



Left: Chubby Freddie can't jump very high. Good job with the spider waiting. Below: Frankie brings a box to help his pal.



Above: Run around the kitchen and face... what is that bulbous blob?

GB PANEL



OFFICIAL RELEASE

PUBLISHER Elite

GENRE Platform / Puzzler

RELEASE DATE November

PRICE £24.99

One of the cutest games in an age, The Fidgetts looks set to be a winner. This game should, and probably will, rival the greats like Lemmings and Krusty's Fun House. It certainly deserves to.

This cart provides a real challenge. Get your head around this – a total playing area of 790 screens. Fidgetts is pure thumb-wearing excitement.

Although it took me a while to suss the first level, once I got into the swing of things I couldn't put the game down again. The password system is annoying as you have to make a fair amount of progress before earning it. The only downer I can think of is the fact that a single failure to complete a stage ends your game. Still, this is a stormer!

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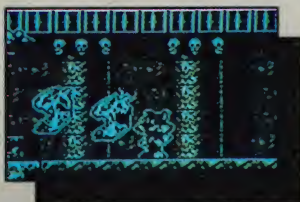
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OVERALL

91%

HARDER THAN A FROZEN RABBIT!

- GAME ZONE



89% - NINTENDO POWER "The first Platformer with two player simultaneous action For GameBoy. It's like playing with a turbocharger kicked on."

85% - CVG "Titus is the only one to go for! Perfect if you're after a challenge. A combination of action and puzzle solving make it extremely addictive."



Also available: 'Lamborghini American Challenge' & 'The Blues Brothers' on SNES and GameBoy.

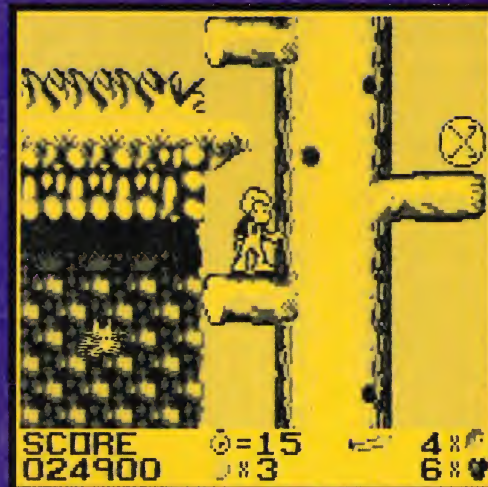
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Right: Faced with a bull-dog...run away!
Far right: Mr. Wilson's coin, get it quick.



Recently given the big screen treatment courtesy of Hollywood and John 'Home Alone etc.' Hughes, Dennis now appears on the 'Boy small screen. Dennis doesn't have the greatest of reputations for good behaviour — he's a real hyperactive trouble-maker (probably caused by E numbers or something).

This time, however, he's innocent. Framed for a crime he did not commit (the stealing of Mr. Wilson's prized coin collection) Dennis sets out to recover said coins, clear his name and prove that he really is the angelic little cherub he sometimes appears to be.

You play, surprisingly enough, Dennis, bent on retrieving those coins even if it involves travelling through the spooky forest, sewers and beyond. A boy with a mission!

It's platform mayhem all the way with the usual requirement of collecting the various bits and pieces

Dennis is on the loose but neither the black and red jumper or Gnasher are in sight. Blond, but still a pain, this is Dennis American style...

lying around. Here they include coins, stars, time boosters and extra lives. The game begins with a little animated section featuring our Dennis. Our little scam is being... a

little scam — dousing Mr. Wilson with a well-aimed shot from the water pistol. Then he's off, bounding around the household furniture, avoiding the odd flying pan, rolling boxing gloves etc. — the usual things which you see floating around your own home every day!

Armed with four lives which each allow six 'hits' Dennis is ready for action. After finding the key to that allows him to leave for the great outdoors our Dennis is off like greased lightning.

The Dennis sprite is quite big and well drawn. He moves very smoothly around the locations, despatching the 'monsters' — actually rather cute looking squirrels and the like. This

he does with one of his three weapons, a water pistol, pea shooter and catapult. Each one kills a particular type of beastie. Having had plenty of practice running away from all the trouble he causes Dennis has developed a fair bit of speed. Once pointed in

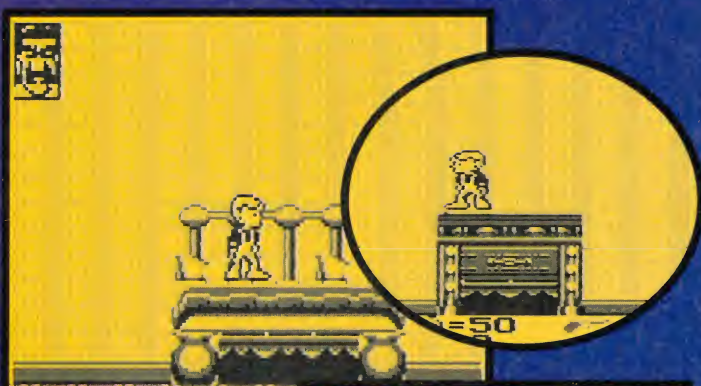
the right direction it's head down and he's away. As far as being able to jump — can he ever! With arms pulled in to aid his aerodynamics

Dennis leaps up trees in a way that would make Superman proud. Afterwards, with arms spread wide like wings, he floats effortlessly to a soft landing.

This sprint speed is quite important since you get a one minute time limit to complete each separate

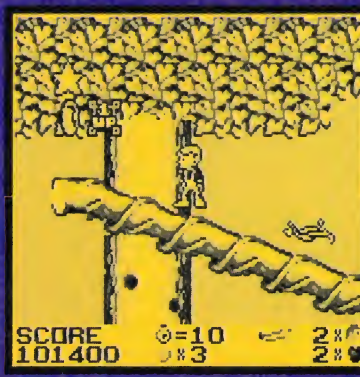
"Dennis leaps up trees in a way that would make Superman proud."

Demolition Dennis



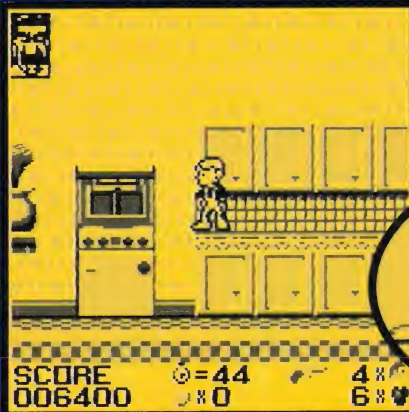
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Showing complete disregard for furniture, this boy has his good name and reputation to uphold. Mr. Wilson will be delighted to see him busy. Can't get up to mischief then, can he? But nobody's safe when Dennis is around.

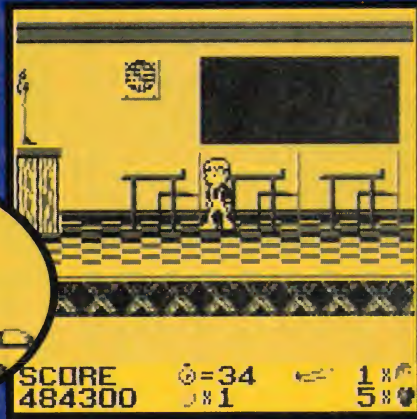


Left: Running away from a little grasshopper! Only until he's got the extra life.
Right: Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee, this is Dennis not Muhammad Ali.

Searching high and low



Left: Mr. Wilson watches the quest. Right: Off to the school after the park. Below: Glum faces, Dennis fails.



level. Dennis doesn't even like pausing for breath. Just watch his reaction if you happen to stop for a second or two!

"Dennis doesn't like pausing. Watch his reaction if you do"

The gameplay in the first few levels is quite straight forward. The different areas are sizeable and in the first place it's well worthwhile checking out all the locations – there's no bonus for finishing the level within the time limit.

As you progress to the spooky forest the number of 'baddies' increases making it a little more difficult, but not much. In order to complete the level you need to find the four coins with crosses and then get to the exit (which isn't sign posted – but how much help do you need?).

The sewers present different problems which require Dennis to do a great deal of jumping about, avoiding the fish (which can't be killed) and still picking up the coins. After each 'hit' Dennis flashes and becomes invincible for a few seconds (as if he doesn't seem to be already).

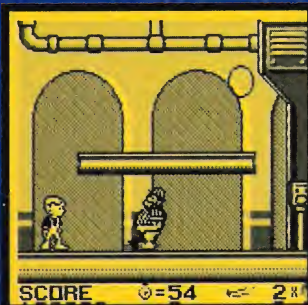
Use up all six 'hearts' and you

lose a life and have to start the level again. Likewise if you fall in the sewer, apart from ending up dirty and very smelly, you lose a life. Fortunately at the end of each level

Dennis' hearts are replenished to a full quota of six.

This boy means business. A scamp he may be but he's got some feelings for old Mr. Wilson – for a while, anyway. **ROB SMITH**

Down and dirty



Right: Pass the leering faces and the dangers of the sewers to reach an end of level meeting with the portly sewerman. Top: Quick fire and see him off.



GB PANEL

Dennis

PRESS START

OFFICIAL IMPORT

PUBLISHER Ocean

GENRE Platform

RELEASE DATE 22 October

PRICE £24.99

Don't be put off by the naff film, the game is distinctly playable. Dennis is very easy to get into and you should progress through the first few levels fairly quickly. Through the sewer to the adventure park, to the school and beyond. A straightforward, but quite pretty, platform game.

Collecting coins is well worn, and the challenges are a bit too easy, yet Dennis should keep hardened games players occupied for a while. The overall presentation is top quality. With the film being aimed at the younger audiences, so the game appears to be similarly targeted.

Dennis plays well, looks quite good but may not provide a huge amount of lasting appeal. Well worth a look anyway.

GAMEPLAY

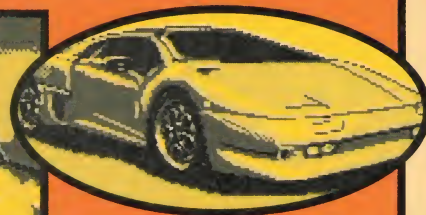
PRESENTATION

LASTABILITY

OVERALL

82%

Mean machine



Top right: Your Lamborghini Diablo in all its glory. Above: Cruising into Colorado, now how do I pass these guys? Right: Nighttime falls as the leaders blur with the trees on the horizon. Time for a nitro!



I think I'm alone now, there doesn't seem to be anyone around....

LAMBORGHINI

Faster than a flash of lightning and lasting eons longer, Lamborghini screams onto the 'Boy as if possessed by the devil himself...

Big open stretches of road, hot, sticky surfaces and more crazy road racers than at the "Psychopaths in Turbocharged Vehicles" convention. You are left driving a little motor called a Lamborghini. Lean, mean and built for speed!

That's exactly what you get! Speed in abundance. Straight from the off you're moving at dangerously fast speeds down one of the numerous American highways.

You begin by choosing one of three drivers. There is no difference, however, between the drivers other than their looks. They all, shock, drive Lamborghinis very, very quickly indeed.

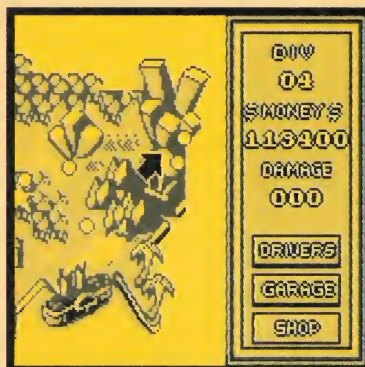
A betting system allows you to

increase your winnings (or losses). A misguided bet could land you in dire straits (and who wants to be associated with them?). All this takes place before you've even set eyes on your racing machine!

Viewing the car from behind leaves you clear to keep note of the other racers ahead. This in turn gives you plenty of time to adjust either your speed or your position on the road.

Furiously paced, as you would expect when driving a Lamborghini, the roads twist and turn with frightening regularity. If you're going to stay on track a combination of precision timing and lightning reactions wouldn't go amiss!

With all of the illegal racing taking place, and the sheer pace of

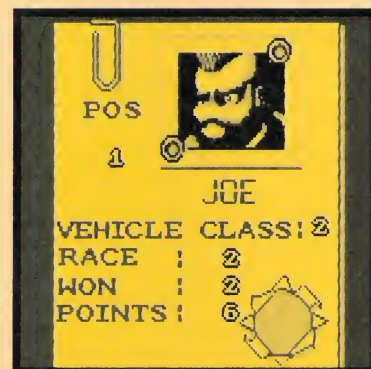


The eastern seaboard, as the yanks call it. The big stack of skyscrapers symbolises New York, surprise, surprise.

your car, it's inevitable that some damage will occur. Keeping the odd bundle of cash in your account would be wise as you're probably going to have to repair your car after every race. Whether you do or not of course, is entirely up to you!

All the races are illegal so there's a fair chance that the Police will be giving chase on some courses. A speeding fine could end your racing days forever. The possibility exists that you'll get through completely unhassled, the billboard before the race will tell you the necessary.

AMERICAN



Checking out your opponents before the race is an idea worth considering.

With all the rapid scrolling and busy screens, it's a relief to see no sign of blurring sprites anywhere.

As if this wasn't enough for the true road racer there's an option to improve everything on your car. From snow tyres to radar jammers, it's all here. You're completely spoilt for choice really!

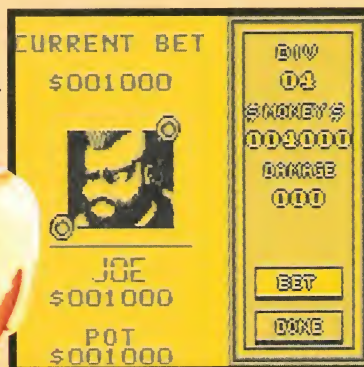
"They all, shock, drive Lamborghinis very, very quickly indeed"

Right: Coming up to an opponent I'm about to move into second place. Hang on, what's that blur ahead? Next right: Nuts! I'm doing 267 km/h and I meet the cops. Far right: Pulled over. These on the spot fines are an absolute pain.





Right: Don't bet with me fool, or you'll lose your money. We'll see.....



LAMBORGHINI AMERICAN CHALLENGE

One noticeable downfall in Lamborghini is the lack of realistic roads. There are no hills to drive up and no tight corners to manoeuvre around. This is a minor fault in an otherwise engaging and challenging game.

A major point of recommendation is its gameplay. There's no wondering what you should do next. It's just accelerator, brake and steering. What could be easier?

It does take a little time to get used to the other traffic on the road and how to get past quickly and

safely. Other than this, it's an instantly playable, pedal to the metal romp through 12 races each with varying specifications and difficulty.

I absolutely promise not to mention options after this. There are so many I haven't mentioned but there is a continue option with possibly the longest codes I've seen in my life. Dead handy for the inevitable restart.

The sprites themselves are pretty small, but clear. Your car is always

centred in the screen so it's impossible to lose where you are.

As for the sound effects, they're basic but distinguishable. The engine in a Lamborghini should have a roar to it, there's a little whining sound instead with different whines for the different gears. Like I said, basic.

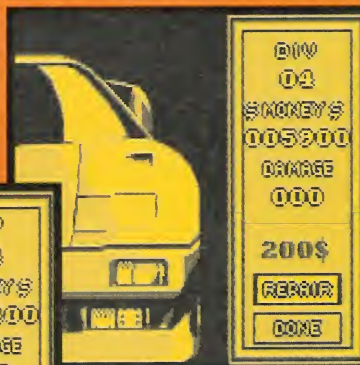
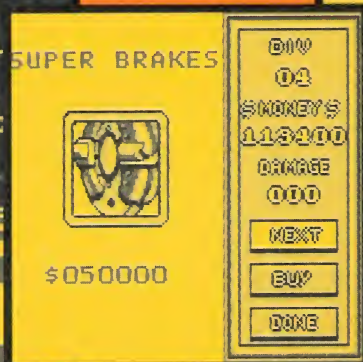
Despite a few minor faults, Lamborghini is fast, furious fun. It may certainly not look like the greatest driving sim ever, but with so many options together with some excellent gameplay you should take a closer look. Con a mate into buying it first if this isn't your type of thing. **ANDY SHARP**

"An instantly playable romp through 12 varied races"

All tuned up



Below left: Dodge traffic cones, policemen, opponents, and roving TV reporters in your quest for victory.



Above and left: After a hard race repairs are essential. At fifty grand a time for new brakes winning money is pretty essential too.

GB PANEL



OFFICIAL RELEASE

PUBLISHER Titus

SUPPLIER Titus

RELEASE DATE November

PRICE £24.99

After suffering the misfortune of having to review RoadRash last issue this came as a welcome relief. Lamborghini is a sound example of how a rear view racing game should be put together. Betting, garage and police features really add that little bit extra to the gameplay which makes Lamborghini so enjoyable. My favourite bit is the betting., it's well satisfying to take money off the poor sap you've hammered in the race.

The game is let down, though, with the failure to incorporate stuff like a road that goes up, or turns sharply. Surely this can't be too difficult to program. Still, these are minor gripes, Lamborghini is a fine game, if you like racing games then buy it.



OVERALL

86%

Simulation

Puzzler

Platform

Beat 'em up

Shoot 'em up




Items: 1

Secondary Communication

The competition just got
a whole lot tougher.



Tertiary Communication


Items: 1Endline

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Packaging

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Street Fighter II Turbo

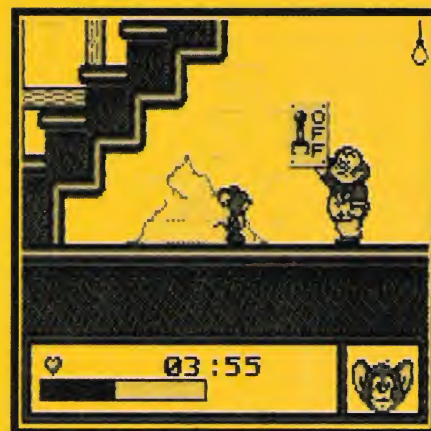
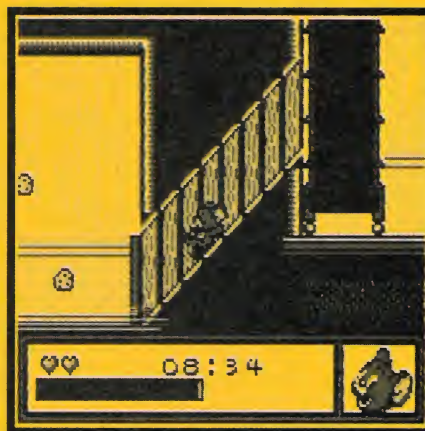
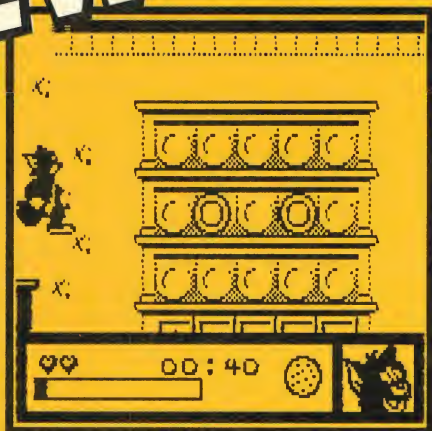


Console with game around £140.
Game around £60.

Headline



Right and centre: Tom and Jerry frantically collecting their fish and cheese. Far right: Dr Applecheek plunges our heroes into darkness. Nasty little man.



Fresh from short lived big screen fame, those lovable arch enemies turned best of friends, Tom and Jerry, turn their attentions to the smallest screen of them all. Will the cartoon favourites take their place in the Game Boy Hall of Fame, or will prove to be simply the latest in a very long line of average platform character licenses?

Once upon a time Jerry, a merry mouse, and friend to all, ate happily. Tom earned his Go Cat by

Tom and Jerry — mindless pap encouraging young children to thwack each other with frying pans? Or just great entertainment? Now you can decide.

"A frustratingly playable platform pleasure, or something like that"

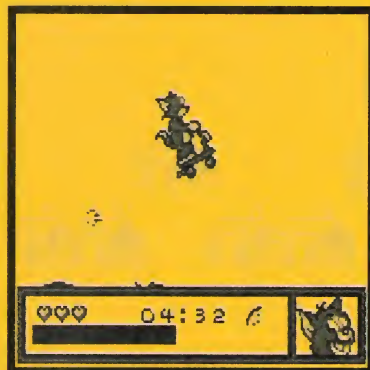
attempting to catch the aforementioned rodent, and the two had lots of rough and tumble style frolics in the meantime. This happy situation lasted for about fifty years until, horror of horrors, the demolition crew moved into the neighbourhood.

The daily dangers brought by the dastardly demolition men included swinging baseball bats, big dogs called Butch, falling pianos and flying food. No one said life was sup-

TOM AND JERRY

CONVERSELY

Frantic Antics is above average and fun for a while, but characters such as Tom and Jerry call out for inspiration not mere competence. Maybe I'm expecting too much... anyway it's ok. Ian



Tom mounts his trusty steed. He must pick up enough speed to leap the yawning chasms that confront him.

posed to be easy.

In the new Game Boy incarnation, before Tom even gets home he must leap great chasms on a scooter, avoid a drenching from fire hydrants, and dodge falling plant pots. It's not unusual or groundbreaking, but it's fun.

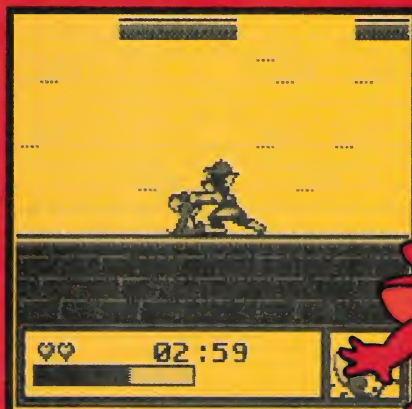
Two levels of running through the demolition site sees Tom leaping over swinging demolition balls, dangerous spikes and enchanted toys. Following this Tom must run about, find some secret rooms, collect fish,

and generally perform all sort of frantic antics.

Jerry then takes the lead in a swimming platform level. Until this point, the game is a fairly simple, but highly playable platform romp. Don't be deceived! The first few stages may be played for fun but then the action steps up a gear, both in difficulty and originality.

A constantly moving platform race introduces Ferdinand the Dog. The characters from the film start to appear much more frequently from

Double trouble



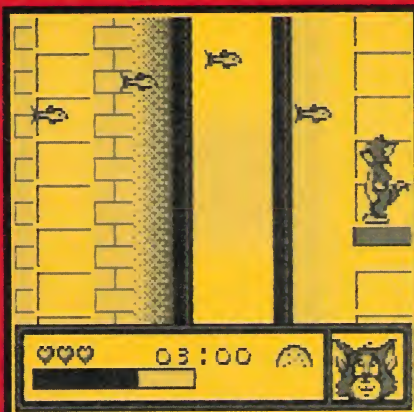
Left: Tom attempts a Vulcan mind link with Jerry using his incredible telepathic powers.



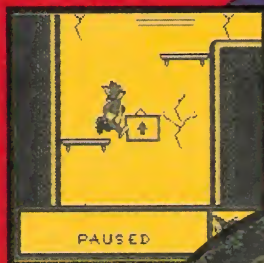
Below: Chivalrous Jerry comes to the aid of the young damsel in distress. Right: No time for love however, there's cheese to collect.



Fishy fun



Right: Tom's task is to collect all those floating fish! Below: Can you guess which way to go now?



JERRY.. FRANTIC ANTICS

hereon in.

Instead of the typical plot of running manically around until the end of the level, several tasks must be performed. Items must be collected and returned, action run around puzzles must be solved, and different levels bring new things to collect. One of these is a pair of springy heeled boots. These little beauties give three different heights of jump and introduce a beautiful variety of control. You'll need it.

A frustratingly playable platform pleasure is a phrase that leaps to mind. Levels such as the confrontation with Dr Applecheek, played with the lights off, seem very difficult at first, but quickly become second nature.

Completing each level is one thing but the bonus rooms are also well worth finding. Exploration is recommended, four crumbs of a biscuit are scattered on each and every level, munch them all and you get an extra life. Mind you, since these are scattered far and wide it's no easy task.

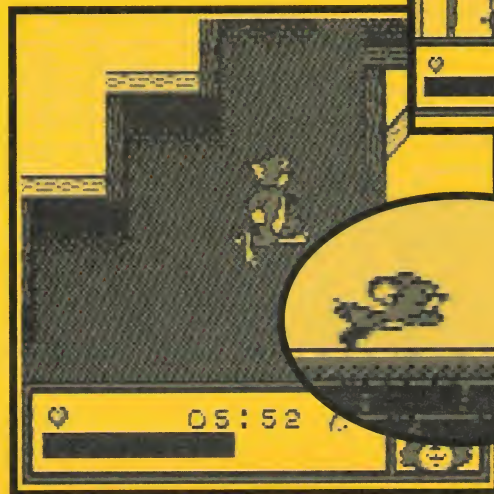
Passwords are included but don't detract, and being spaced a few levels apart lessens their effect.

Starting at the beginning, (where else?) is a top tip so you can store up those extra lives to throw away on the tougher later levels.

Thankfully the task of locating all the secret bits is aided by the handy positioning of a fish or cheese. There you are, bounding merrily along, up in the top corner when you glimpse a tasty morsel. Rather than killing the cat, as the old adage states, here curiosity is rewarded.

Thankfully, a two player, non-link option has been included, though the obvious potential of having the two players control the two different characters has been overlooked. Still, being able to alternate is better than nothing. **DAN BLEWITT**

"It may not be unusual or ground-breaking but it sure is fun"



Above: In this game books are much better thrown than read.

Left: Tom finds a secret room full of fishy goodies.

GB PANEL



OFFICIAL

PUBLISHER High Tech Expressions

GENRE Platform

RELEASE DATE Out Now

PRICE £24.99

No matter how daft the idea of having Tom and Jerry as friends might seem, this is real platform-mondo fun! The controls are sensitive and they need to be. Unlike many similar games, exploration and the secret parts really do add to the game, rather than just being added as an afterthought.

Discovery isn't the name of the game, Frantic Antics describe it perfectly. Here, action dominates adventure. Even though they work together this is violent in true Tom and Jerry tradition. Lets face it, everyone, and I mean everyone, absolutely loves it!

Frantic antics certainly gets close to the very top ranking platform titles, and also has more lastability than most. Not quite a classic but well worth a look.

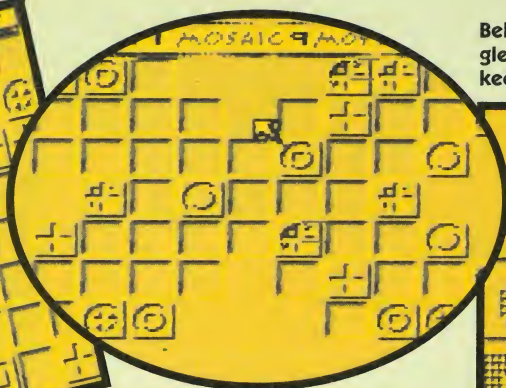
GAMEPLAY

PRESENTATION

LASTABILITY

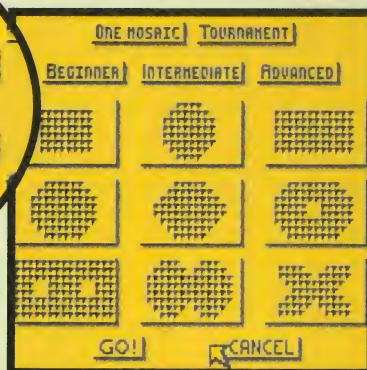
OVERALL

85%



Left: A chaotic scene. Tiles all over. Much head scratching needed. Above: Oops, same again!

Below: Nine boards, three levels, single or tournament games. Should keep you out of mischief for a bit.



Tesseræe is based on a solitaire style of game, involving flipping patterned pieces over each other with the eventual aim of leaving one all alone and on its own.

Each tile has either a square, circle or cross emblazoned upon it. These tiles are called 'primaries'. Jump a cross onto a square (or any other combination) and the two merge to create a 'secondary', have all three merge and a 'tertiary' is created. Simple enough really.

Rules for the game allow only certain combinations of tiles to be jumped over others. This may sound complicated but in fact isn't. Within a couple of minutes (and a quick scan of the instruction booklet) you should have sussed the rules which govern limits on various moves.

The program even helps out as well. Click on a tile you wish to move and the program will highlight the squares which that particular tile may be moved to.

All very straightforward really, but things do get complicated in the advanced levels. There are nine different shaped and sized boards from which to choose and three levels of play.

Choice of level determines the number of secondary and tertiary

TESSERÆE

'Warning: Highly Addictive' is the claim from Gametek. Trying to emulate Tetris by racking brains and furrowing brows comes Tesseræe, the new puzzler on the block.

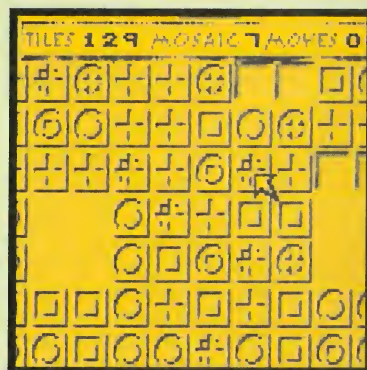
tiles (the most difficult to get rid of) with which play begins.

The object of all this flipping and jumping is to clear the board in as few moves as possible. Random determination of the beginning boards means that in months to come even the simplest could still not be completed successfully, or in a record breaking number of moves.

For sure there's plenty of lastability - if you can get your head around the complex manoeuvres required.

One good feature is the absence of a time limit since Tesseræe needs the kind of forward planning you'd

"There's plenty of lastability, if you can cope with all the manoeuvres"



Above: A full board to clear. Flipping and jumping tiles will take some real brow furrowing concentration.

expect in a highly competitive game of chess.

No multi-player option is included because Tesseræe pits you against the program with only logical thinking and the sweat of concentration to keep you company. At least that's the designers excuse anyway.

A small screen, focusing on small squares can be a strain on the eyes and brain. Assessing the different moves, and considering the options, provides a brain scrambling mass of variation on a simple theme.

An 'undo' button replaces the pieces to their previous position. This comes in very handy when errors are realised or changes need to be made. The program remembers moves which've been made allowing you to go back to any point and start again. An adult idea for an adult game.

ROB SMITH

GB PANEL



OFFICIAL RELEASE

PUBLISHER Gametek

GENRE Puzzler

RELEASE DATE Out Now

PRICE £19.99

Tesseræe is aimed at "the more mature end user" according to Gametek. Or, of course, those with the patience and the inclination to spend a few hours poring over a board, attempting to clear it of all those tiles.

Tesseræe couldn't be described as fast or furious by any means. There's no action or amusing animation such as in Lemmings or Krusty's Fun House.

It is, however, one for puzzle freaks with the desire to beat an extremely difficult opponent. In the "easy to play, difficult to master" mould, Tesseræe will provide hours of compelling frustration so long as puzzle games are your thing.

Tesseræe is most certainly a mind bending challenge.

GAMEPLAY

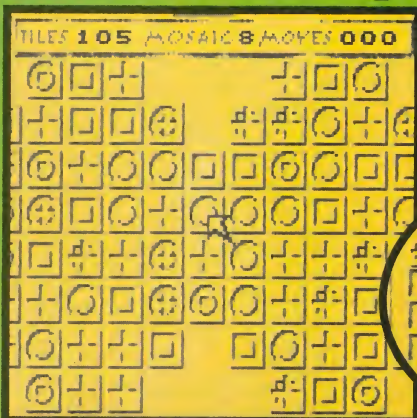
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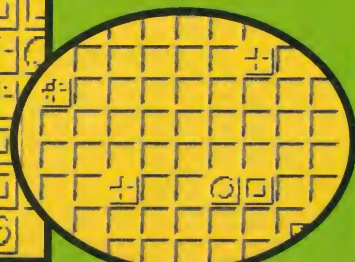
OVERALL

80%

You're so square



Left: Eyes down for a full house. Over a hundred tiles to shift! Below: Not a bad effort but undoing a few moves may help.



ILLEGAL RACING, COPS AND GAMBLING



91% - TOTAL "It's a brilliant racer..."

90% - GAMESMASTER MAGAZINE
"It's incredible, it really is. I'd advise you to obtain it with all conceivable swiftness"

86% - GB ACTION "Instantly playable. Fast, furious fun"



Also available: 'The Blues Brothers' on SNES and GameBoy, & 'Titus the Fox' on GameBoy.

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Play the game

Stimpy, you eediot!

Below: Ren avoids the gormless Stimpy as well as a mousetrap. Jeex, that cat is so totally stoopid!



Above: Stimpy with a blowtorch. That's just not safe. Right: In the lab - that's not safe either.



VEEDIOTS!

Ren and Stimpy, the American cartoon set to grace our screens soon, arrives for a second episode on the Game Boy. Whether the game's better remains to be seen.

Fancy partaking in the kind of hilarious antics witnessed by millions of Americans and a few satellite viewers? Veediots aims to recreate these hyperactive shenanigans in an amusing little platform caper.

Ren Hoek, the asthmatic chihuahua and his gormless feline sidekick Stimpy have had enough of TV land. In a bid to burst in to the real world they take on different jobs and challenges.

In 'The Boy Who Cried Rat', playing the mouse, must dodge Stimpy's efforts at being a mousecatcher, while negotiating the usual cartoon household furniture. Fans blow and clock hands whirl to aid Ren's jaunt through the

house. Also on hand are the odd carrot or cheese which can be lobbed at the dopey Stimpy.

Next stage is Stimpy's Invention. Playing the amateur scientist Stimpy has to find his way through a laboratory, bouncing on springs, emptying test tubes into beakers and flicking switches.

Stimpy also speaks! Pick up the dosh which makes these antics financially viable and he'll cry "Oh joy". This neat touch helps bring out the

cartoon feel of the game that THQ are obviously aiming for. Mind you, they don't always hit the mark with this game.

The sprites are bold and well drawn with the cartoon style backdrops you'd expect. Shame about the clash and flickering created

"Sometimes this clash enhances the effects, on others, it's sloppy"



Above: Stimpy gets his invention. Now try and land it on Ren's head.

when some of the graphics overlap. To some extent, with the small explosions which Stimpy has to make for example, this clash actually enhances the effects. On most occasions it's simply sloppy. You should not be able to drop a carried item behind an otherwise impassable door. You can.

Music and sound is comprised of a few merry tunes and some quite impressive sampled speech in the 2-megabit cart.

From Stimpy's Invention the veediots go off to join the army. Bad guys abound requiring some serious avoiding. Jeez, who got us in to this mess?

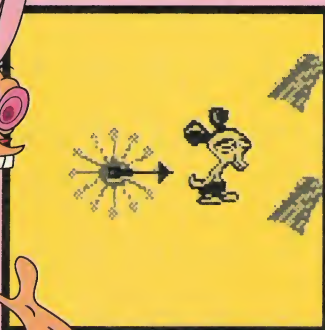
The final episode of galactic proportions is 'Marooned'. Stimpy lost in space. An epic adventure surely lies ahead.

Along the way the boys will come across other characters from the cartoon. Powdered Toast Man, Muddy Mudskipper, Space Cabbages and Anatomically Correct Log(!) all put in an appearance, helping the anarchic action.

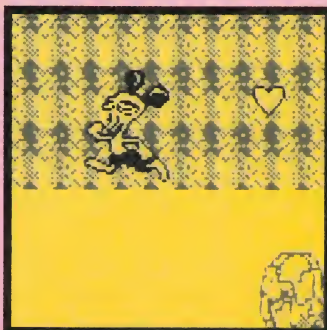
Veediots moves steadily rather than at break neck speed. The challenges prove to be fairly easy to suss and the time limit which accompanies each stage is quite accommodating.

The early stages provide little in the way of hilarity, unlike the cartoon series. Its mildly amusing, perhaps, and definitely a vast improvement on the original offering. Not bad.

ROB SMITH



Above: The clock hands fling Ren through the air. Is it a bird? Is it a plane?



Above: Blown by the fans backwards and forwards. Ren starts to look a little airsick. Veediots!

GB PANEL



OFFICIAL RELEASE

PUBLISHER THQ

GENRE Platform

RELEASE DATE November

PRICE £24.99

Apparently the cartoon has some cult following in the States, appealing to people of all ages. With little exposure in Britain Veediots is hardly an eagerly awaited tie-in. It's not too bad, though. It's easy to play and to progress through a few stages relatively quickly - perhaps a little too easy.

The overall goal is hardly one to keep you on the edge.

Unfortunately the manic antics of the cartoon series have not been recreated. It lacks the finish and presentation which could have made a thoroughly amusing platform caper.

Veediots is a playable, pleasant enough platform romp but lacks a little bit of class and style. Small tick, could do better!

GAMEPLAY

PRESENTATION

LASTABILITY

OVERALL

67%

IT'S DARK... AND WE'RE WEARING SUNGLASSES!



91% - G B ACTION "One of the most enjoyable games I've played in a long time. Challenging and addictive. Game of the month without a doubt."

90% - SUPER ACTION "Easily among the best of it's kind. Great fun. Top stuff."

89% - SUPER CONTROL "Completely brilliant, entertaining, humorous, not too easy, gorgeous graphics and fantastic sound."



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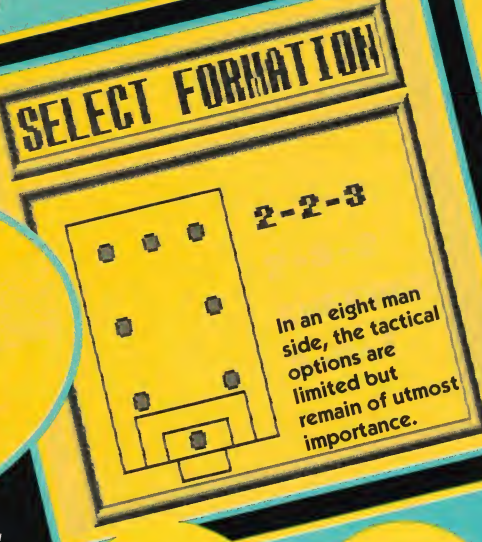


REVIEW

Obviously...



Above: The players wearily trudge off, patting each other on the back after a gruelling 90 minutes' play.



GOAL

The international arena is your stage, pitting skill, finesse and stamina against the best teams in the world. You'll need to train hard before tackling the best in the Super Cup.

OK, so fitting a full eleven-a-side game on the small screen is expect-

The teams are out. The coin is tossed. Tension mounts as kick off approaches. A sharp blast from the ref's whistle and the action begins. Go for goal!

CONVERSELY

I'm well into footy. In real life, that is. To translate such a massive game in every respect onto the Game Boy is taking a big risk. A good attempt by Jaleco, but it's only worth a go in two player mode. Alex

ing a bit much. In Goal! it's eight-a-side. Nothing is lost in this reduction, however, as the pace is frenetic and the action compulsive.

The options allow you to choose the type of match (exhibition or super cup), a team and the opposition (from a list of sixteen), the length of game (up to a whopping forty five minutes each half!), and the style of control amongst other things.

Each team has different characteristics. Running speed and tackling skills can vary considerably.

Whether these are realistic or not is debateable. Especially when you consider that England are one of the better sides!

Now it's down to strategy and tactics as you choose the formation your team will play. There are four different styles to encourage attacking (2-2-3), mid-field control (2-3-2), defence (3-3-1) and the sweeper system.

The team line up comes next. Each of the players are numbered and have different abilities. Select your outfield players and you're

away. The action takes place on an angled pitch.

In one player mode you always kick upfield, even after half-time. The different standards of team, with USA as one of the easiest and Italy one of the hardest, give loads of variation and lasting appeal.

The sprites are small but easily distinguished, only clashing occasionally in the frenzied melee of a midfield scramble.

Jaleco have managed to fit in loads of the different aspects of football into Goal!, including the dreaded offside rule. Sliding tackles are the way to get the ball from the opposition. From behind, from the side,

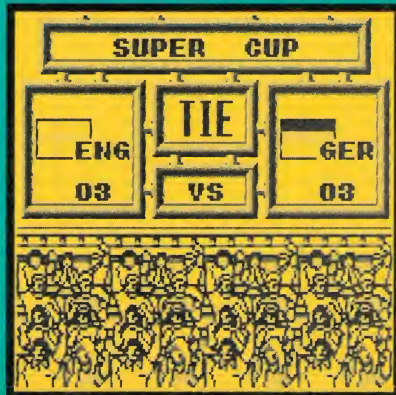
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Tactical switches

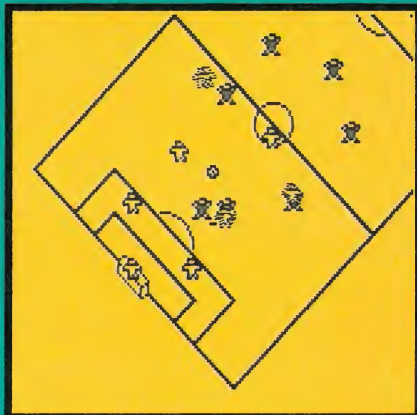


Left: The impressive array of options that are available to the eager participant.

Below: The crowd scene is reminiscent of the old Subbuteo stadium extras. Right: Only a small portion of the choice of teams. There are 16 to choose from.



Oop and under



Left: When the ball is hoofed in the air, the view angle becomes more distant, taking in a larger area of the field of play.



As seen in football matches around the world. Yet another dirty foul results in the offending player seeing yellow.



from anywhere your highlighted player can zip into an opponent, leaving him on his backside and you with the ball.

A little over enthusiasm and the ref will blow for a foul. Commit a foul in the penalty area and guess what - penalty ref! If a player takes a knock he may require a quick substitution - Goal! has all the features you'd expect.

Scoring is, of course, the name of the game, and boy is it difficult. Panic in front of goal can be costly, pause for a second and your chance goes begging.

Expertise with the 'after touch' method of curling the ball may be necessary to beat the top 'keepers. Catch the ball on the volley and watch it, hopefully, fly into the top corner.

While you stroke the ball around on the floor a small section of the pitch is in view. Hoof it up in the

air and the perspective changes to a birds eye angle. The switch between the two views is really smooth and allows you to see the flight of the ball and the position of your players. It's one of those little bits of innovation in the footie games genre that works really well.

The various challenges against the computer are great, providing hours of entertainment. Goal! really comes into its own, though, with the two-player option.

Yes it requires two carts but the challenge to be the best among your mates is well worthwhile.

There's no option to create a league in this mode but I'm sure something could be worked out. Practise in the exhibition matches, challenge for the Super Cup and demoralise your friends with finely tuned football skills.

It's quite simple - if you want the best football game going, you'd better get Goal! **ROB SMITH**

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PUBLISHER Jaleco

GENRE Sport

RELEASE DATE December

PRICE £24.99

Jaleco shoot, they score - Goal! This cracker of a game has a surprising number of features which make it nerve-racking and exhilarating - just like the real thing. With the option of sixteen teams to choose from, each with different characteristics, Goal! will keep you occupied for a good while. If you can win the Super Cup playing Germany, Italy or England, can you do it with USA or Cameroon? One-nil up with a minute to go in the final, tackles fly and nerves jangle - its great! Jaleco have produced an infinitely playable delight for any football fan. Make a league with your friends and Goal! will last as long as your Game Boy. With all these options Goal! certainly is a winner, but will you be?

GAMEPLAY

PRESENTATION

LASTABILITY

OVERALL

90%



Right: Not only has our Sly to cope with a steep ascent, but there's a very large bad guy in the way.



CLIFFHANGER

A movie license which sticks to the film's plot? Wow! Gird up those loins there's rescuing to be done.



Top: Balance on the ledge, fight the gangster, dodge the hawk. All action.

In the game's lengthy introduction the plot of the film is described to give you some idea of the job at hand. So it's off to the snow capped peaks and barren mountains. Here we see Sly stood outside a pretty log cabin. Now, thankfully, the mission begins.

The job involves Sly collecting bags of cash which are strewn over the landscape. He must get these to

appease the bad guy, Qualen, to ransom his friend, Hal, and replenish his energy by burning bundles on the various fires dotted all around the place.

Wolves, hawks and falling ice all get in the way, speeding up the onset of terminal frostbite. These natural hazards can be avoided with a flying leap, punches and kicks. The Sly sprite bears a very vague resemblance to the man himself but moves fairly smoothly, even bending his knees correctly when landing.

Sudden rock falls severely hinder Sly's progress up the mountains, one blow and he'll fly off the ladder on to the ice shelf below. Miss the shelves and you plummet to an untimely and messy death. Nasty.

On reaching the plane Gabe (Sly) is captured but escapes. From this point things get even more dangerous as the gangsters also roam

through the mountains. Armed with guns and throwing knives Sly must employ all his varied beat 'em up skills to survive.

The levels are split into three stages. The first two stages of each level are quite similar. Fortunately they are not too long but the similar styles of challenge can get repetitive.

The provision of three continues gives some protection against the disasters of failing on a new level. As for the game, well it plays reasonably, once you are skilled in the moves, but is difficult.

Having three continues helps. Graphically it's a bit samey. This is understandable as Sony have endeavoured to remain close to the nature of the film. I mean what exactly can you do with snow and mountains as your backdrops? Mind you, this doesn't alter the whole game's drabness.

ROB SMITH

"The Sly sprite bears a vague resemblance to the man himself"

GB PANEL



OFFICIAL PUBLISHER Sony Imagesoft
GENRE Platform
RELEASE DATE December
PRICE £24.99

Cliffhanger is a real challenge. It combines aspects of both a platform adventure and a beat 'em up to successfully recreate the film plot. This licence, to some extent at least, does actually manage to give the impression that you're playing the film, unlike many others.

Unfortunately the sheer mundanity of the graphics, however understandable, plus the overall difficulty make Cliffhanger seriously frustrating.

If you can progress through a couple of levels the desire to complete the game improves. If you can't, you may well get fed up trying. Cliffhanger provides a stern test for the hardened game-player but may soon become boring for the rest of us.

GAMEPLAY

PRESENTATION

LASTABILITY

OVERALL

72%

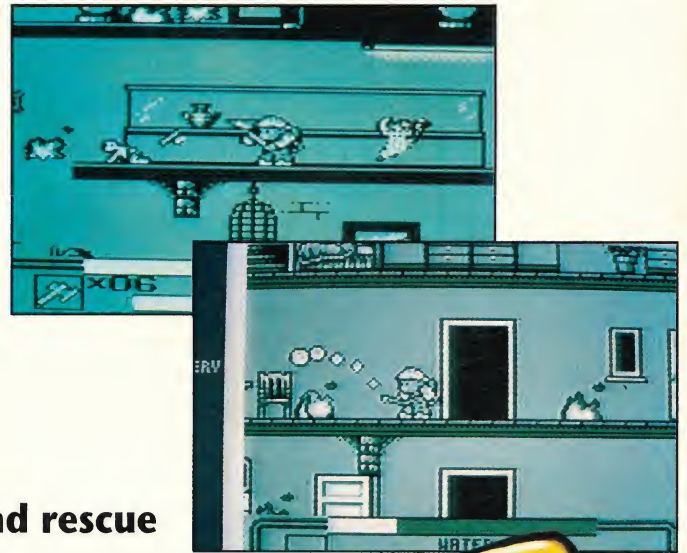
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Above: Sly ponders how to cross the water. Far left: Try to reach the cabin and send for some help.

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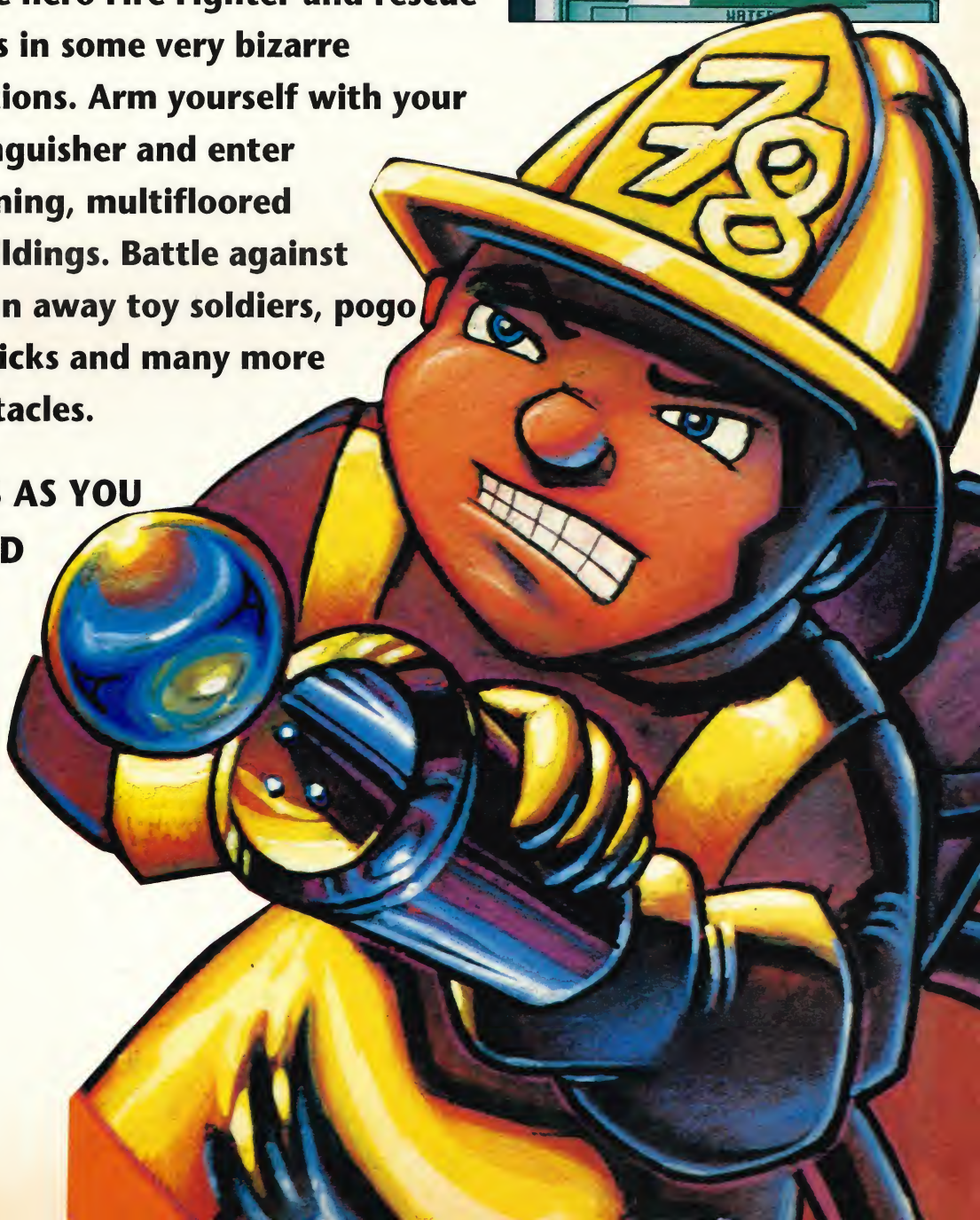
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- a) The Countach
- b) The Robin
- c) The Batman

2) Just how quick is the Diablo's top speed?

- a) Over 300 mph
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"Don't have a cow, man." In the first of a two part look at America's real First Family, Rob Sharp spotlights the creator of The Simpsons, Matt Groening...

The creator of Bart Simpson, underachiever and proud of it, remembers that "I was a problem child. Almost from the very beginning of school I found myself annoying teachers and principals, and continued to do so. I would find a rule that I felt was unfair and then I'd break it."

Matt was always drawing as a kid, mainly doodling in class. His father was a former cartoonist who encouraged all of his kids to draw. Matt had a childhood surrounded by cartoon anthologies and comic books.

He was profoundly influenced by Ronald Searle's rebellious schoolgirls from St Trinian's, the infamous EC

horror comics of the 50s and old MAD magazines. Comic strip heroes Superman and Batman were just time-wasters for him, and an early infatuation with Spider-Man soon waned.

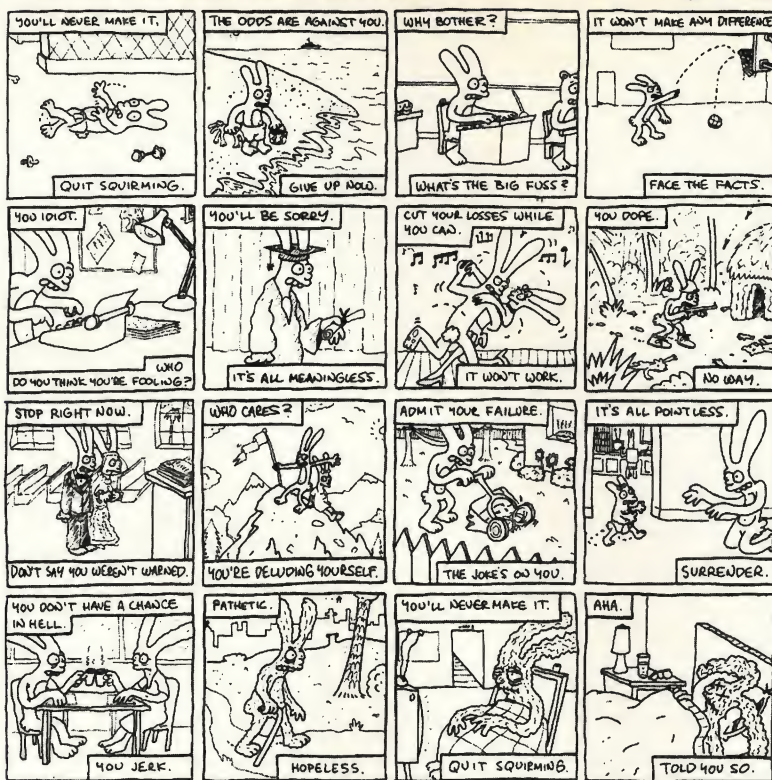
The 'psychedelic' underground comics of the late 1960s were much more attractive to him. "I just remember as a kid being fascinated by the extremes of human endeavour," he says, "and mostly the negative extremes - death and violence and morbid kinds of things - because that's what unnerves people the most."

Matt went to the experimental Evergreen State College in 1972, which had no grades, no required classes and a very independent course of study. It was the first time

LIFE IN HELL

Groening's personal favourite from over 400 Life in Hell episodes.

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he had felt at home in an educational environment.

A cartoonist named Lynda Barry prompted Groening to get into cartooning in the mid-70s. "She was having such a good time doing whatever occurred to her,

not obeying rules, not doing what had come before", he adds.

Groening moved to LA in 1977 and took up the usual succession of hellish jobs. Appropriately enough, his comic strip about the everyday horrors of life in Los Angeles and the nagging desperation of modern existence, Life in Hell, was first published in the LA Reader in 1980.

Together with his wife, Deborah Caplan, Groening self-published and sold 20,000 copies of a Christmas book of the series in 1984, which attracted the attention of Pantheon Books in New York and also brought him to the attention of TV Hollywood.

The Simpsons first appeared in 1986 as short animated segments on The Tracey Ullman Show. It was Tracey Ullman producer James L Brooks who chose Groening for the segments. It was his proven track record in Hollywood - Brooks created the hit TV sitcoms Taxi and The Mary Tyler Moore Show and directed the movies Broadcast News and Terms Of Endearment - that convinced Fox to gamble on a half-hour prime time cartoon for adults.

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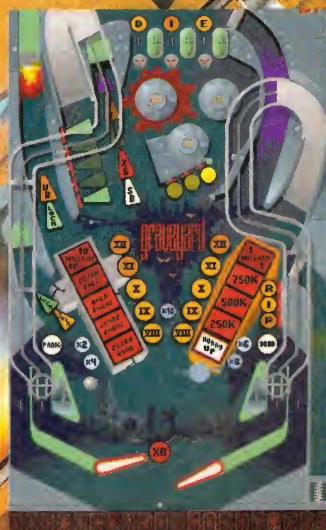
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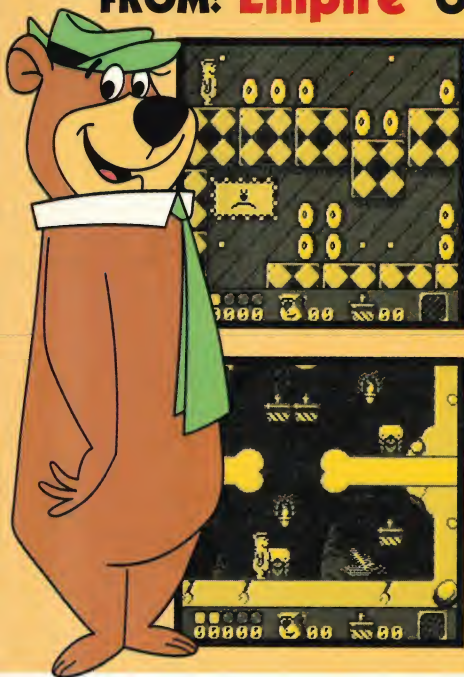
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YOGI BEAR

FROM: **Empire** OUT: **January**



Far away in Jellystone Park you can find a ranger, some trees and a few animals. Big deal, eh? But wait a minute, heeeeeeeeeere's Yogi!

The only possible game scenario for Yogi is a platform environment. Empire have almost managed to miniaturise the SNES version of Yogi, which isn't a bad start.

Yogi is woken by Boo Boo. He informs his chubby chum of a looming bio nuclear disaster and that Ranger Smith is completely unaware of it. He needs to be told - and quickly! Therefore, the smarter than average bear must postpone his hibernation and embark on a perilous journey around the park.

You, as Yogi, kick off in Redwood Rendezvous, avoiding salmon and

Left: Vast, enormously varied levels, challenges and bonuses await the smarter than the average bear.



Pumped full of air, Yogi rises to the occasion in bonus-grabbing scenario.

skunks. You must collect as many picnic baskets as you can (for energy) and every time you're hit by a Redwood rascal you'll lose energy. You'll also find large pocket watches floating in the air.

Snatch these and you'll be treated at the end of the level. If you've collected enough of them, that is! Bash your way through the ice level, on



Yogi starts in Jellystone Park, then travels around all over the place.

towards Cave Capers, and onto the Water Palava where you'll be exposed to delights such as beaver surfing and pelican hopping.

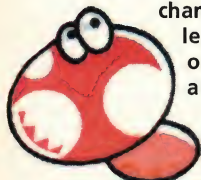
All these strange woodland beasts have to be rescued. Stomp on 'em and they'll be safe from the chemical plant. On each level there is a Boo Boo Bonus round.

Once you've enjoyed the "deadly perils" of the Boo Boo round, you will be issued with a token for the Jellystone Derby. This is an all terrain scramble against the rest of the woodland creatures. If you win you'll be showered with even more bizarre surprises. **ALEX LEE**

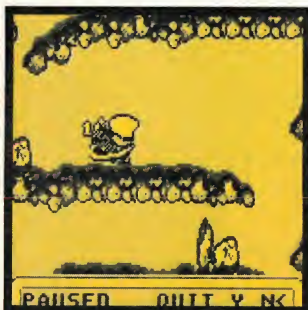
Bonjour! Pierre le chef, that doyen of fine cuisine, is coming soon to a Game Boy near you.

The normal routine of gallivanting around the world preparing exquisite banquets for the rich and famous has been unavoidably interrupted. The ingredients have escaped. Yep, no more meals can be prepared unless the grub is caught and returned to the safety of a cage.

The little French chef must now charge around the various levels, spread throughout different countries and recover missing food. Dinner must be on the table by a set time so Pierre is rac-



Right: Capture those elusive bits of lunch bobbing about the slopes with your magic net, then transport them to your cage and leave them locked up there.



OUT TO LUNCH

FROM: **Mindscape** OUT: **January**

ing against the clock to have the food ready.

A large net found near the start of each level is Pierre's weapon. Use the net to grab the veggies, fruit and other culinary delights.

There are bits of nasty bacteria lurking throughout, however, ready to spoil the preparation process. One touch from one of these and the veggies will go blue and furry. These aren't the only obstacles in

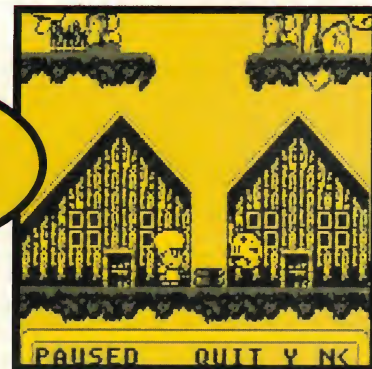


Right: Pick up all the food, then find the above door to exit the level.

Pierre's way. A jealous rival, Le Chef Noir, is likewise running around the world endeavouring to hinder Pierre's mission at every turn.

Each of the missing ingredients have to be grabbed in the net and placed in a secure cage before an exit portal will appear. Once done Pierre will be warped to the next stage or country, ready to catch the next meal.

This platform caper features some cute graphics with Pierre



globe-trotting through countries such as Switzerland and China. A chef isn't the most obvious star of a hand held game, but who would have thought that a plumber would be?

With close similarities to the SNES version, Out To Lunch should prove a real treat. **ROB SMITH**



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One of the game's finest visual moments – Bart ascending the 'stalk.

BART AND THE BEANSTALK

FROM: Acclaim OUT: January

The most popular Sky TV series by a mile, The Simpsons, has spawned numerous games across all formats. Acclaim's latest combines Bart with an ancient fairy tale. Fi fi fo fum, I smell the blood of a yellow haired American.

Bart Simpson has a vivid imagination – many bizarre fates have befallen him in previous console and handheld games (see panel). Acclaim's latest Game Boy project, however, takes the biscuit royal style.

The ping pong ball-eyed white ragamuffin is, for reasons which may or may not become clear when we see the final version, marooned at the foot of a giant beanstalk.

After some nicely rendered intro stills involving the various madcap members of the Simpson family in predictably unpredictable situations, Bart (controlled by you) is immediately faced by a huge hovering hornet almost as big as himself.

Initially equipped with only a Dennis-style catapult, you must

guide Bart past the irritating insect (blowing it away with the catty first helps) and up the beanstalk. Ascending the 'stalk is done by leaping spectacularly from leaf to leaf.

Once the initial 'stalk has been safely negotiated, the game kicks into gear with the American nightmare having to deal with all sorts of obstacles and enemies. The Bart sprite is big and beautifully detailed. He has a cheeky expression throughout and his eyes boggle

from side to side when he moves.

Bart can walk, jump, climb and hurl power-up grenades (when collected). His adversaries include falling tribbles, the aforementioned giant hornets and other weird and wonderful winged creatures.

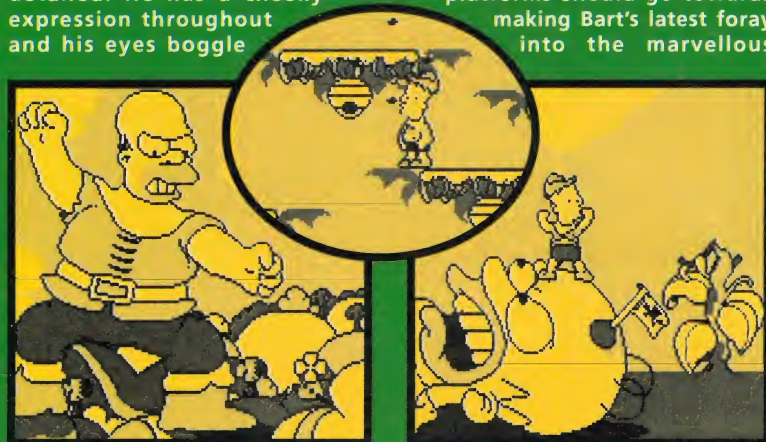
Power-ups and bonus icons abound and the assortment of vegetation, vines, hornets' nests, miniature crumbling bridges and platforms should go towards making Bart's latest foray into the marvellous



monochrome world of the Game Boy a high calibre product.

Until the finished article is slotted into our battered 'Boys, however, we can only wait and hope that justice is done to a truly great cartoon character.

ALEX LEE



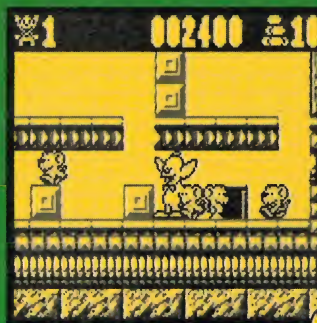
Left: Two of the amazing intro shots which appear before the game kicks in. The main dude featured is Homer, Bart's old man. Those who've seen the Simpsons on Sky will find the Homer shots hilarious. Between them is Bart deciding what to do about the hornets nest.

Cartoon classics



Bart Simpson's Escape From Camp Deadly
A fun and addictive cartoon licence featuring a no holds barred food fight. There are plenty of challenging levels in this arcade platform romp. 86%

Bart Versus The Juggernauts
Bart's task here is to master the art of skateboarding, weightlifting and square hopping. Each event requires extreme skill, co-ordination and strategy. 85%



Krusty's Fun House
Krusty, Springfield's clown, has a rat infested house. You must help him get rid of the disease ridden vermin by strategic block placing. A classic in a similar vein to Lemmings. 92%



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Left: Horrific scenes from the blood thirsty Ourosukidoji - Legend of the Overfiend. Below Left: Ken, the Fist of the North Star, in a quiet mood. Right: Big swords aplenty in R.G. Veda.



The weird and wonderful world of manga has hit the UK. In part one of a new series here's our guide to Akira and Fist Of The North Star.

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO MANGA

Right: Kaneda enjoys the thrill of suburban bike riding in the amazing Manga classic - Akira.



Hailed as the most unique and original animation film ever, Akira is a stark, visual treat for anyone who has yet to view any of the superb Manga Video collection. Soon to be converted into a console game, and already a graphic novel by Dark Horse Comics, Akira is big business.

Set in Neo-Tokyo, the film starts with the ongoing rivalry between various biker gangs. Kaneda is a young rebel leader of one such gang. He and his biker friends are idle and low on social consciousness, but have a very strong loyalty to each other. Tetsuo, Kaneda's old friend from his orphanage days and small fry of the gang, is involved in a horrific bike crash.

As his friends all stand round waiting for paramedic help, a large number of military guys turn up and whisk their injured friend away. These men are obviously not from the local hospital.

While Tetsuo is recovering from his accident in some army hospital, he experiences many strange and vivid nightmares, depicting teddy bears and frolicking motor cars dancing on his duvet cover. Losing his unsteady grip on reality, Tetsuo escapes to try and bring his life back to normal again. But these bizarre goings on have awakened something dark and destructive inside him.

Kaneda, meanwhile, is constantly chasing a young girl he met whilst in the police station,

unaware that she is involved in political intrigue and numerous terrorist actions. The main army guys are playing with life, death and other people's minds all with the help of something dark and powerful stored in an underground laboratory. The power is Akira. It lies waiting to be called into someone's life.

The story is full of minor stand offs and mini climaxes, all leading up to the final confrontation between the new and improved Tetsuo, his old chum Kaneda, and the mysterious, violent force of Akira. The city is to be reborn, but its birth will be just as violent and destructive as its "death".

Akira is about to unleash its full powers on a city begging for a change in its lifestyle, but will they be prepared for the aftermath of the final confrontation? Neo-Tokyo is about to explode!

The pace is faster than Linford Christie and twice as entertaining to watch! There's non stop action all the way through, with enough bike chases and ultra violence to satisfy any convicted mass murderer who owns a Harley. The animation truly is highly original. Tom and Jerry this most certainly is not! If you've never experienced an evening of Manga mayhem, this one is the perfect introduction.

Rent it or even buy it, and I'll guarantee you won't be disappointed. A classic animated extravaganza guaranteed to blow your mind well into the 21st century.

JAY SHARPLES



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Right: Ultra demon in yer face!
Just one of the many mutant
geeks in Fist of the North Star.

Fist of the North Star is a long running TV series in Japan, and has sparked off numerous tie-ins from comics to computer games.

Here's the deal. Ken is Fist of the North Star, the chosen heir to an ancient martial arts technique which involves punching psychic pressure points. Such techniques can kill a man in two seconds flat, or five days later in a sudden head exploding incident.

His world has been destroyed and devastated by a global nuclear war. Survivors get by the best that they can, and are trying to rebuild a peaceful society out of the aftermath of the war. Well, mostly they do. Some of the survivors quite enjoy the desolation and take advantage of the weaker members of society. Ken generally disposes of these undesirables in fury filled fisticuffs. Useful chap to have around is Ken.

Ken has two brothers who would much prefer themselves to be the Fist of the North Star. He must defeat the evil side of his family and find his girlfriend Julia, who has been kidnapped by the powers that be. A little friend called Lyn hangs around looking sweet and helping out.

The film ends with one hell of a punch up between Ken and his twisted brother, Raoh. This final fight explains that strength in the service of evil is a nasty, wicked thing and must be defeated wherever and whenever it rears its ugly head.

This movie is amazing. Jaw dropping animation lies waiting to knock your eyes out if you get your hands on this little beauty. One of the best Manga features.

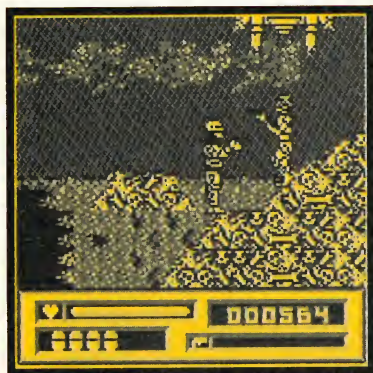
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Right and Below: A couple of the more recent releases, The Heroic Legend of Arislan and Doomed Megalopolis.



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A sample of the bleak post-holocaust wasteland and part of a spaceship.

The subjects of untold films, books, comics and countless other hype tie-in souvenirs come together here in Interplay's latest Game Boy release. Before you get too excited, however, I must make one thing plain.

Robocop vs The Terminator (R vs T) is, to be pedantic, a misnomer. The Terminator, the tough robot that we all know is really Arnie Schwarzenegger dressed up, fails to put in an appearance. Plenty of other malevolent mechanoids do turn up, but big Arnie's nowhere to be seen. He wasn't in the comic series either for that matter.

The plot, in a nut's exoskeleton, is

as simple as this.

Robocop must save the world from Skynet, the company that devised the Terminator. Both protagonists' backgrounds have been interwoven in a convoluted tale that only really becomes clear by either reading the comics or playing the game.

What is noticeable is that 'Cop is cast as the goodie, but the Terminators (that's right - in whatever form they may be in, there's certainly more than one of 'em) are the baddies. Questions must now be

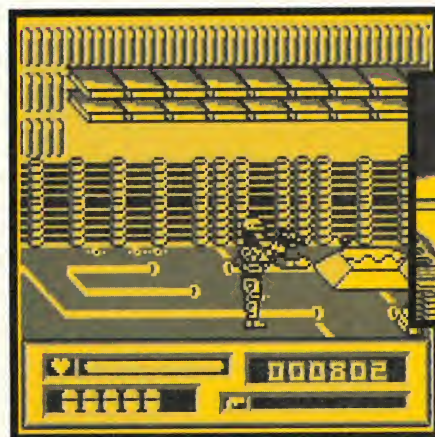


asked of Arnie's carefully created public image.

Evidently, he never wants to be cast as the nemesis again in whatever medium it may be. So that's probably why the Terminator (singular) doesn't even make a single cameo appearance.

Predictably, the Game Boy incarnation of R vs T is a side-scrolling platform shoot 'em up. It couldn't really be a puzzle game, after all. The player becomes the relentless Robocop, plodding along like a marked copper who's lost a bike and

ROBOCOP VERSU



FROM: **Konami** OUT: **December**



Above: The introductory starey out screen.

Left: Robo in the heart of the Skynet computer room.

found a macho gun.

What is surprising, however, is that behind the smoke screen of the aforementioned depressingly predictable scenario there lies a bloody good Game Boy release. That's even before having seen the finished version.

Robocop's (deliberately?) caricatured body with his over large helmet and stumpy metallic legs moves beautifully. The backdrops at once provide a bleak vision of the



SMURFS



FROM: **Infogrames** OUT: **December**

The story concerns the return of Gargamel, the Smurfs' number one enemy, who has once again been kidnapping the harmless little fellows.

Hefty Smurf is chosen as 'the one' whose task it is to find and retrieve three lost Smurfs. He is bidden 'good Smurf' by the elders and then embarks on his voyage through the

forest. Along the way Hefty comes across numerous hazards. No one said that mercy missions were easy! Squirrels hide in trees and lob acorns at his head, bees buzz and caterpillars squirm around getting in the way.

As with all platform games there are various bits 'n' pieces lying on the ground and in the trees which

can help our Smurf on his quest.

Hefty is faced with a stern challenge indeed for a young Smurf. The lives of his friends are at stake. The future of the Smurf homeland is threatened - Gargamel must be stopped before he makes the biggest Smurf pie ever!

A time limit for each level increases the urgency of Hefty's mission.

Fortunately his initial four lives can be boosted by collecting leaves along the way (in a Mario coin bonus kind of way). Oh yeah, if you want to get anywhere, you're gonna need 'em!

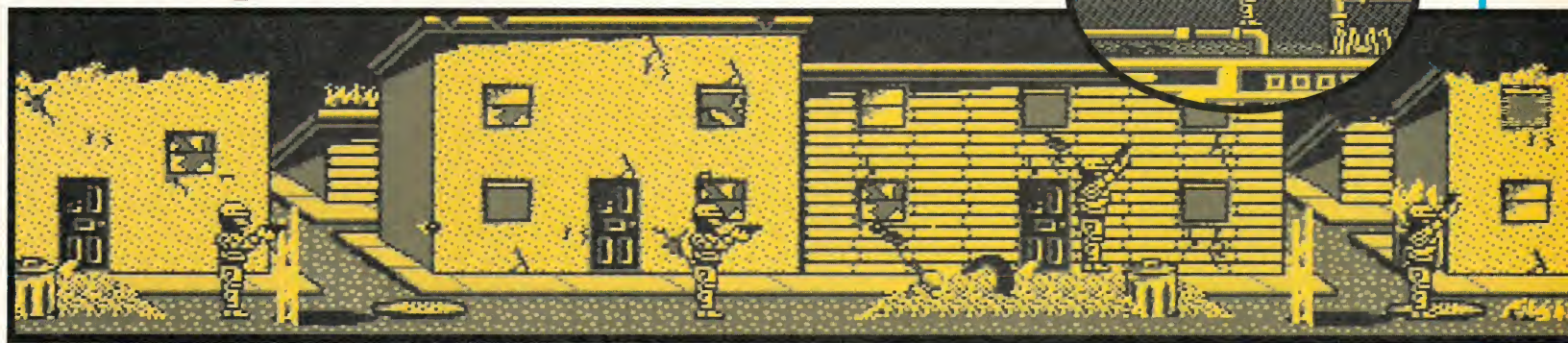
A trek along the bridge follows the forest. So, Hefty has to contend with the hindrance of the water as well as flying fish and the like. Onwards, through the perils of the swamps must our hero travel, climb-

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Robocop's travels

Check out our high tech link shot to give you an idea of the game scenario.



US TERMINATOR

future and a refreshing change from cutesy cop-outs.

The explosions that herald the death of the assembled adversaries are satisfying, as are the size, depth and the number of levels. There are plenty of power-ups available throughout to boost 'Cop's piece along with some imaginative and tenacious enemies.

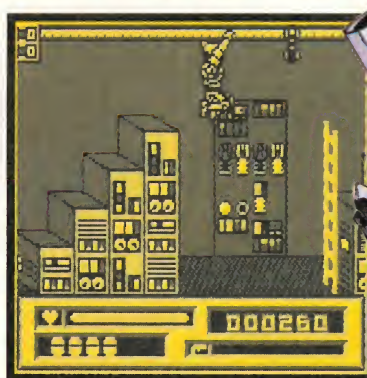
Any self respecting half-robot, half-rozzler needs a severe challenge and

the player controlling 'Cop will soon realise that a law enforcer's day is not all taken up with beating up miners and anti-Nazi demonstrators. Spiders and flying saucers are only the tip of the iceberg in this game.

Interplay, who have a version of the SNES's Lost Vikings in the pipeline, have a fine pedigree. Even at this stage of development, it looks like R vs T will enhance their already impressive record.

Check out next month's GB Action for a full review of what could be the best comic licence to come out so far.

ALEX LEE



The Robo sprite is capable of many things, including hanging from pipes.



ing vines, balancing on lily pads, dodging disaster at every turn before hopefully reaching the safe haven of his goal.

The road is long and treacherous. Careful control of Hefty's leaps along with the helping wings of passing birds will aid him on his way.

With bold cartoon style graphics, smooth scrolling characters and pretty backdrops of the various Nature's forces can be stronger than you think in Smurfs. Be careful!

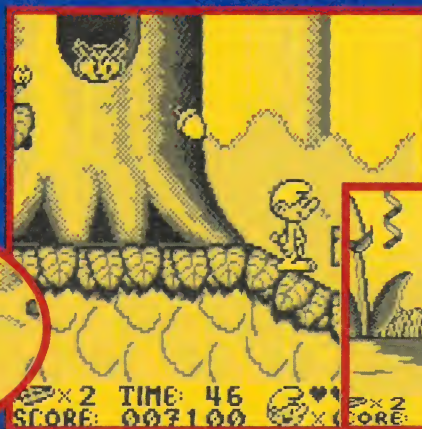
locations, the Smurfs looks good.

Accompanied by a very jolly tune our Hefty should have those missing Smurfs back ASAP. The gameplay seems simple but effective and with three levels of difficulty should provide plenty of lasting appeal. Watch out, Gargamel's about. Hefty Smurf is on the case and believe me he's looking good...

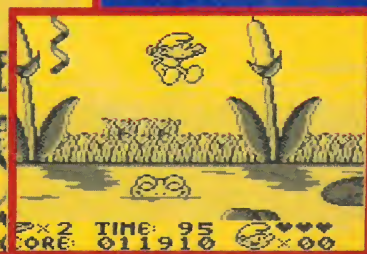
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Father Abraham



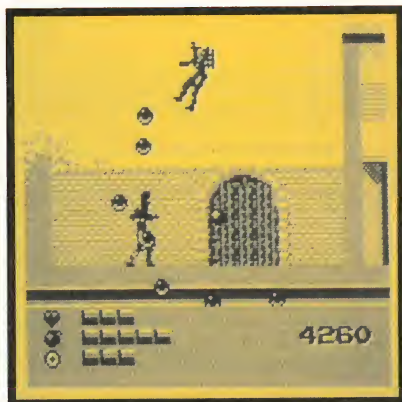
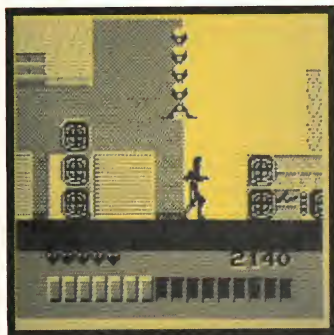
Apart from singing songs in strange voices, the Smurfs can do loads of exciting things such as walking, running and jumping! Cor blimey guv'nor, strike a light!



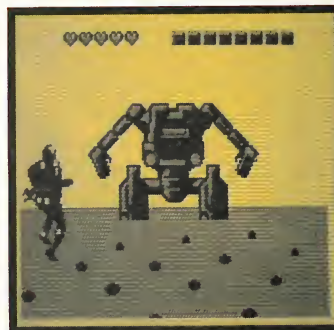
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Cyberjobe



Below and left: Shots which illustrate the variety of gameplay in Lawnmower Man.



LAWN MOWER MAN

To come anywhere near understanding what is going on in the Game Boy incarnation of Lawnmower Man, some background knowledge is absolutely necessary.

So here it is. Jobe, a retarded gardener, (hence the game's title) is used as a human guinea pig by Dr Angelo. The crazy doctor is a dabbler in virtual reality (VR) and his experiment on Jobe turns the one time simpleton into a superhuman.

Jobe's powers, however, are abused by 'The Shop', the government agency financing Dr Angelo's work. Jobe is turned into Cyberjobe – a psychopath intent on world domination by destroying the Earth's computer networks.

MAN



calculate your path by as little as a millimetre. Variety is the spice of life, and on that basis Lawnmower Man looks a veritable galactic herb pot pourri.

FROM: Konami OUT: December

Got that? Okay, now for the game. Cyberjobe has entered a VR world within the Earth's computer network. He's mad and he wants to get even with Dr Angelo for what he perceives as the nasty deeds carried out against him.

Using his new array of powers Cyberjobe drags Dr Angelo into the VR world. As Dr Angelo, it's up to

you to pit your intellectual powers and strength through some of the most varied and challenging scenarios so far seen on the humble 'Boy.

I have been lucky enough to see Lawnmower Man on SNES, Mega Drive and Game Boy. Even at this stage, the hand held version certainly more than holds its own against the supposedly more illustrious console incarnations.

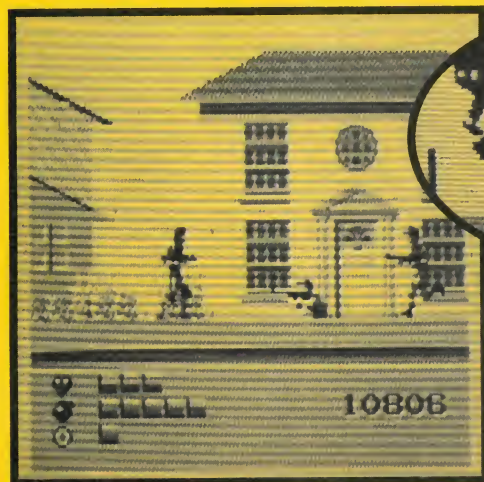
It's difficult to recreate console games with untold Mbits available to them on a screen only just bigger than a postage stamp in shades of yellow and black, but Storm have given it one hell of a go.

One section in particular catches the eye. A vortex reminiscent of the sixties' TV series The Time Tunnel whirls round with you in the epicentre of the fun. It's the nearest I've ever got to feeling like Doctor Who – watch the intro sequence and you'll know what I mean.

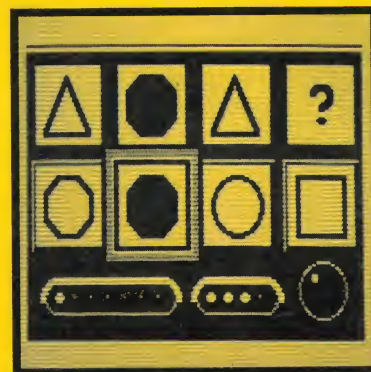
Many of the stages are in 3D, one of which is a hectic ride through VR gaps in VR walls and doors that comes to an abrupt end if you mis-

Your progress through Lawnmower Man will depend on your adaptability to the differing sections of the game. Lawnmower Man doesn't nestle snugly into any genre – it sprawls over four of 'em. Along with the 3D sections platform phases, overhead racing parts, logic problems come shoot 'em up bits viewed from bizarre angles.

To avoid any criticism of failing to be related to the films Konami took care to tie-in the game with the plot of both the original and the in-development sequel. Expect to see a full review very soon. **ALEX LEE**



Left: The platform stages involve gun-toting nutters after your blood. Above: Shooting an enormous face is only a small part of the fun in Storm's Lawnmower Man.



A simple sequence must be completed against the clock to progress here.



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BATMAN: THE ANI



Check out the amazing 'Gotham City at night' background. The tea boxes don't hold anything sinister, just leap over them ready to face the clowns.

FROM: Konami OUT: December

An old superhero, a new animated cartoon series and another film/TV/comic game licence. Sort of.

Batman was conceived beards ago in an ancient DC Action comic series. Since then, he's undergone untold changes of image and over his kit underpants.

A guy who began as a regular vigilante crime fighter, except wearing a mad costume (taken from his dead dad who wore it for a fancy dress party - honest), has become a role model for millions of people.

From being a grey and dark blue caped crusader in a serious comic strip, he was sent up in a camp '60s American TV series which seemed to last interminably. Lengthy philosophical conversations with his aide Robin while climbing up the sides of tall buildings were interspersed with considerably tacky special effect BANGs and POWs.



Moving platforms ahoy! Batman ponders his next move.

When there were no more past it actors and actresses left to fill in the super villain guest appearance slots, the series came to a close. In the late eighties, more than 20 years on, Michael Keaton donned the now malevolent black rubber suit and re-established Batman as a hard,

brooding psycho completely hell bent on dishing out justice in his own inimitable style.

The Dark Knight Returns by Frank Miller, Klaus Janson and Lynn Varley, and The Killing Joke by Alan Moore, Brian Bolland and John Higgins were the graphic novels that inspired the films Batman and Batman Returns.

Now, however, Batman has taken a step in another direction. Batman: The Animated Series is a cartoon show aimed at a whole new generation of punters. Kids to be precise. The cartoon show has spawned another comic and now, the pinnacle of spin-offs, a Game Boy game.

Batman, as a result, is represented on the 'Boy as a muscular though non-threatening sprite. His movements are graceful rather than rough 'n' tough and his enemies, on the early levels anyway, are teddy bears. They do, though, blow up now and then.

Controlling Batman is a good

TMN TURTLES III

FROM: Konami OUT: January

Cowabunga, dudes. Those Turtles return for their third adventure, a Radical Rescue.

Shredder was defeated over a year ago. The boys have since been resting in their sewer hide away watching TV, eating pizza, y'know, the kind of things Turtles do.

While chilling out they discover that old friend April O'Neil has been abducted by some villainous escaped convict. Leonardo, Donatello and Raphael go to the rescue but, as Michaelangelo discovers on his return from the pizza shop, are themselves captured.

The villain lays down the challenge for Mike to rescue his buddies. With turtle pride at stake, he accepts. Armed with his nunchukas and an array of special ninja skills, Mikey faces an evil horde of mummified weirdos. He has to battle through a large abandoned mine



Top: Wow! Two guys with jetpacs. This is serious. Above: Geysers too, jeez!



The map. Supposed to help you find your way around. Stress 'supposed'!

complex, picking up bits of life giving pizza, avoiding the scorpions, bats and various other natural hazards to rescue his pals.

The graphics are clear and detailed with Mike executing all his moves smoothly. The large area will



Spin the nunchukas and get in to heli-spin mode. A measly sign won't put off this turtle from entering the mine. I'm on my way.

Scorpions, yeuch. A quick jab will see them off. Pizza, that's what I need.

require loads of searching before the other Turtles are found and the villain can be turned to mincemeat. This radical rescue won't be easy but with turtle power on your side, and powered up by pizza, how can you possibly lose? **ROB SMITH**

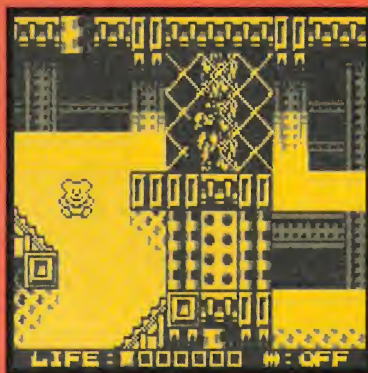
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This section is packed with malevolent teddy bears. Honest.



Pause for thought just before leaping across enormous chasms. Or just do it like Nike do.



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laugh. He's not capable of a great deal, as is to be expected of a Game Boy game, but the things he can do are well executed. Batarangs can be chucked, foes can be punched, walls can be bounced off and the batrope can be used to pull things up, and over platforms.

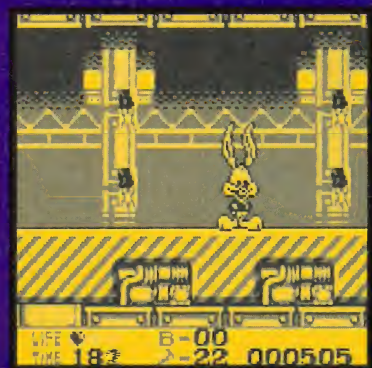
First impressions suggest that this guise of Batman will be just as suc-

cessful as his previous incarnations. The backgrounds are well drawn and imaginative, there are moving and sliding platforms to negotiate as well as lethal falling lava and killing spikes.

Make sure your utility belt's packed to bursting, or else Commissioner Gordon's gonna be looking elsewhere and wiring up the batphone to some other superhero's secret hideaway. **ALEX LEE**

Tiny Toons Two should be one of the more eagerly awaited releases of the New Year if the success of the first instalment is anything to go by.

The residents of Acme Acres have a new cinema. Unfortunately it's owned by Montana Max and he wants to show movies starring himself. Montana's Movie Madness sees the toons this time having to save their new theatre. So Buster Bunny sets about stopping Max from boring everyone to tears.



Above: Everyone hates a show off and Montana Max has made an art form out of it. Buster will sort him out.

TINY TOONS 2

FROM: Konami OUT: January

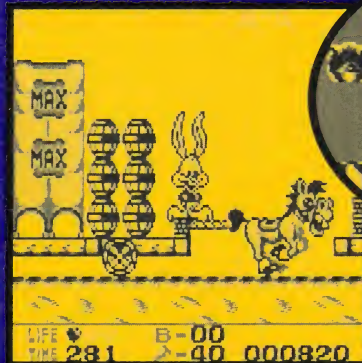
The first movie is a western and so Buster travels through tumbleweed strewn territory, bouncing on fences as mooing cows look on.

Toon foxes try to get in the way but are despatched with a nifty leap atop their heads. Some come armed, however, and a bit of swift dodging may be necessary to avoid the boxes thrown by them.

Buster is one cool 'toon, bedecked in a leather jacket and with the confidence of a young bunny in his stride. Along the way he can call on the help of some other Toons.

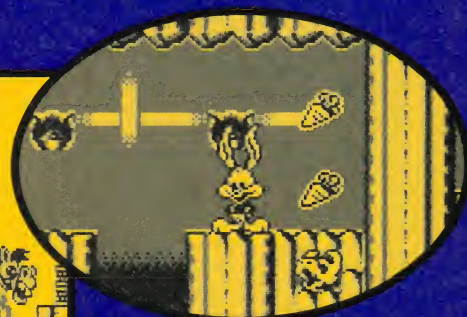
With a bit of luck Buster will be awarded an extra hundred points, or ten carrots or limited invincibility. Be careful to avoid the Dizzy Devil, though. This scavenging beast will help himself to a meal of five of Buster's carrots.

Visually appealing graphics of the toon characters combined with

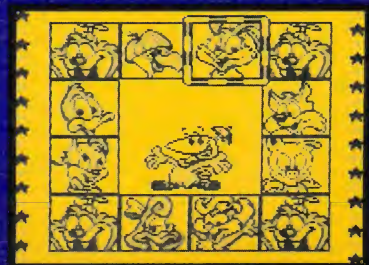


Above: Yee-haw. Ride 'em cowboy. Rollin', rollin', rollin', keep them wagons rollin', Buster.

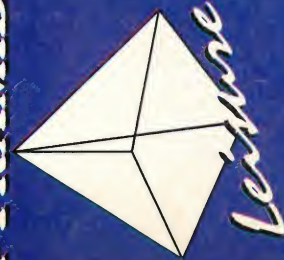
some neat variations on the well worn platform style should prove a thoroughly entertaining combination. With simple, varied gameplay Tiny Toons Two is one to look forward to. **ROB SMITH**



Above: Carrots, yummy carrots. These will help young Buster on his way. Say, what's up, Max. You're no fun.



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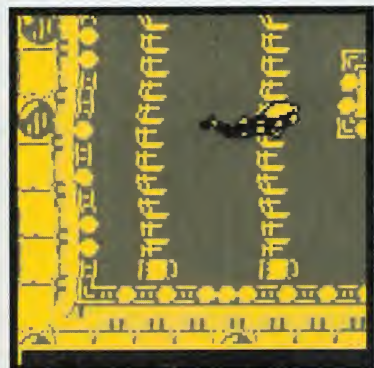
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SPIDER-MAN AND THE X-MEN

Spider-man returns and this time he's brought his pals. The X-Men join the webbed hero in a new adventure against the Super-Villain Arcade.

The X-Men, for those who don't know, are four superheroes with different powers who have banded together in a bid to end crime, right wrongs and just be dead heroic. Their names? Well, there's Cyclops who's equipped with an optic blast, Gambit, armed with energy cards, a



Storm dons snorkel and flippers underwater. But beware, piranhas.

FROM: Acclaim OUT: December

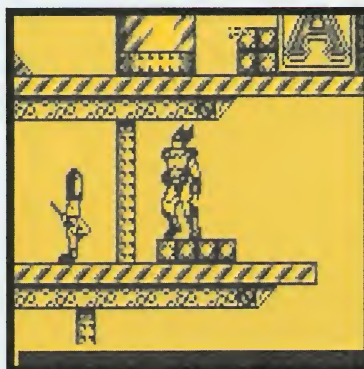
chap called Wolverine wielding adamantium claws and Storm who can control the elements.

Spider-man begins with a mission to free the X-Men from the clutches of the evil Arcade. The X-Men captured. What's happening when a Super-Villain is able to imprison these paragons of valour? The important thing is that they need rescuing. Cue Spider-man.

The X-Men are being kept in an amusement park. Before the group can set about ridding the world of the evil deeds of Arcade Spidey must break in to the park and release the superheroes from their enforced captivity.

Once the rescue is complete you have the opportunity to play any of the five characters. Whoever you decide to control must face a confrontation with the dastardly denizens of Arcade's fiendish park.

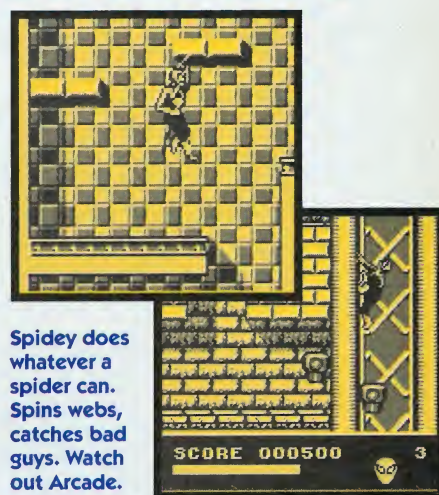
In the amusement arcade from hell the battle commences against killer clowns, hungry piranhas,



Wolverine against tin soldiers. No contest, especially with his punch.

lethal doom balls and deadly robot replicas of Super-Villains like Carnage and Juggernaut.

The graphics are inspired by the Marvel comic book artwork, with every effort made to keep faithful to this style. Each sprite is easily recognisable as the character which it represents, using the special powers for which they became famous.



Spidey does whatever a spider can. Spins webs, catches bad guys. Watch out Arcade.

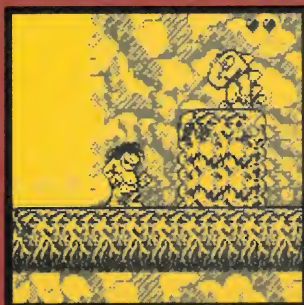
A strength of the game is the variation on offer from playing the different characters. Once they've been rescued that is. Spidey is still in development at the moment but should be very soon anyway. Look out for a full review next month of what could be a spider-slinging, action-packed, arcade-battering totally real blast. **ROB SMITH**

Ugggh! Club! Food! Probably the only words in the vocabulary of Prehistorik Man, a caveman with a club, in search of... food.

Mr Prehistorik Man is a resident of Hungerland. His simple lifestyle of eating and clubbing (hitting not night) has been interrupted by a most heinous crime. Not only has his girlfriend been kidnapped but some brigand has stolen his fridge!

With a new goal to end the drudgery of life in Hungerland Mr Man sets about his mission. Constantly hungry our hero must negotiate different levels, survive encounters with various prehistoric beasts and cope with the natural pitfalls of life in the dark ages.

Right: Prehistorik face to face with a turtle. Hit first ask questions later. Far right: A menacing dragon peers down. A quick clout from the club is what's needed.



PREHISTORIK MAN

FROM: Titus OUT: February

Jackals, turtles and dragon fish can all be clubbed to the edge of extinction with a swift clip. This isn't the only weapon in Mr Man's armoury by jiminy. A devastating Sonic-esque spin roll will clear a path through the wilderness. If that's not enough Prehistorik can take a deep breath and blow out a deafening yell, guaranteed to scare the pants off any potential foes.

There's more. In later levels Prehistorik can hitch a ride on a



hang-glider to speed the way to his loved one and different weapons can also be found.

The graphics are bold and well-detailed, in the style we're coming to expect from Titus. Icons can be collected to boost the limited number of special moves Prehistorik can make. He's only so much breath, y'know. Can't go yelling his head

off all the time, it'll disturb the evolving life forms of Hungerland. With traffic lights pointing which way to go there should be little chance of Prehistorik getting lost in the wilderness.

Prehistorik Man looks good, plays well and with plenty of variation in gameplay should be a clubbing, stomping hit. **ROB SMITH**

WRITE HERE WRITE NOW

Welcome to the all-new letters pages! The wall from Off The Wall has been demolished, but the rubble is going to a charitable cause.

Multi-game Carts

Dear GB Action,

I've bought the last three issues of GB Action and took them on holiday to Singapore and Hong Kong so I could pick up some good, cheap games.

While in Hong Kong I bought a '150 in 1' games cartridge and it is only recently that I have found out that it is illegal to sell these in England, U.S and Canada. Is it illegal to own one? Is it illegal to sell it second hand to someone else?

Adam Walczak, London

Yes and er, yes. The copyright laws are more relaxed in places such as Taiwan where sophisticated technology is used to pirate game carts.

Our laws are different however, so these multiple game carts are illegal. But don't worry, we haven't informed the police (yet).

Cool Compos

Dear Off The Wall,

Even though some Irish people buy your brilliant mag we can't enter any of your cool compos. Is it because of the cost of post and packing?

Lorna Gargan, Co. Meath, Ireland

In a nutshell, yes. The cost of post and packing is sky high when you want to send stuff of such magnitude as our competition prizes all those hundreds of miles to the Emerald Island.

Shop Probs

Dear GB Action,

I am writing to you at the request of my son, aged nine, who is a great fan of your magazine. His main passion, apart from his

Game Boy, is Star Wars. He has the Star Wars game for GB and was anxious to buy The Empire Strikes Back but we cannot find a stockist in Cardiff or Penarth for this game, do you know a local stockist?

A point that may be of interest is that Toys R Us do not consider your product to be a magazine.... most insulting. They advertise in their "Video game Charter" that they "guarantee to match any nationally advertised price".

When I brought a copy of your magazine in to their shop in Cardiff to show them the prices advertised therein and ask them to match them, they announced that they consider you to be a "mail order catalogue and not a magazine" and therefore your advertisements do not count.

I personally do not consider they are a reliable games outlet but I don't suppose my opinion counts...

E.N. Evans, Penarth

I can't give you a specific name but Empire Strikes Back should now be available in

most shops with a games department. Try Console Plus on (0924 456802).

As for the toy shop, they're entitled to their opinion but they could be losing the custom of 40,000 GB Action readers.

Q & A

Dear GB Action,

Please could you answer my questions.

1. Which is the best game, Mortal Kombat, Best of the Best, or Raging Fighter?

2. What new sporty games are coming out?

3. What happened to Wayne's World?

4. When will you review 'The Fidgetts' and 'Montana's Movie Madness'?

Callum

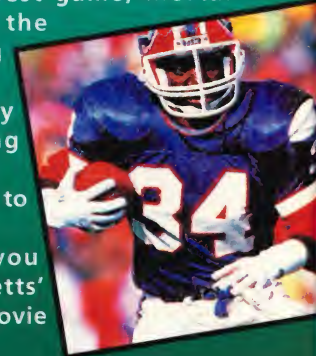
Mitchell, Strathclyde

1. Best of the Best, in our (Andy's actually) humble opinion.

2. Goal!, Sensible Soccer, NFL Quarterback Club (around January) are just a few. Check out GB Action for news of the latest releases as they happen.

3. It died, never to see the light of day.

4. This issue and never heard of it!

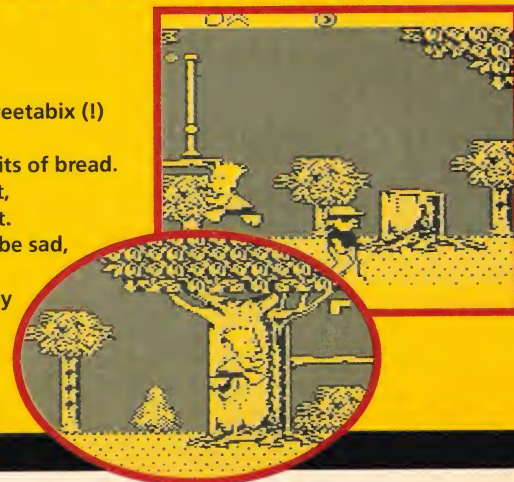


PUBLIC EYE

BART vs THE JUGGERNAUTS

To crack this cart

You will need to be smart,
It might have great graphics
But to finish it you'll need some weatabix (!)
I'd rather kick myself in the head
Instead of spending twenty-five bits of bread.
I've tossed and turned in the night,
Trying to get this mean game right.
When marking this game, I won't be sad,
Because the game isn't that bad.
The percentage I'll give will be fifty
Because the sound is quite nifty.
Simon McCaugherty, Redditch





More Q & A

Dear GB Action,

Can you answer some of my questions please?

1. Will Star Wars go down in price now Empire Strikes Back is out?
2. Which game do you

think I should buy next, Star Wars or Super Mario Land 2?

3. Are Krusty's Fun House and Joe and Mac both good games?

4. Some people say Dr. Franken is good but some say it is rubbish. What do you think?

5. On the last section of level three on Super Hunchback I come to a cannon that keeps firing but I can't find the bell. Please can you help?

6. A few weeks ago I went in to a computer games shop and I noticed that they had Double Dragon 3 on sale for £8.99. Is it worth buying?

Thank you for answering my questions, I think your magazine is excellent.
Martin Green, Leeds

1. No. These games are produced by different companies independently of each other.
2. 92% and 90% respectively for these two. If you want platform, puzzle and fighting then it's Star Wars, or platform, puzzle and secret rooms then it's Mario. You decide - we try to be helpful like that!

3. Yes.

4. Dr. Franken is good (92%), a real challenge. Dr. Franken 2 is also an entertaining platform romp, but a bit too easy.

5. Check out issue 7 for a full game busting of Super Hunchback. Try jumping on to the cannon balls and see where they take you.

6. No, 'cos it's still rubbish.

Respect's Due

Dear GB Action,

You're probably sick of all the praise and questions, so I'm gonna give you a lot of each. Well done for a totally awesome magazine, my friends say it's naff and Total's the best. After reading Total I think they need their brains checked.

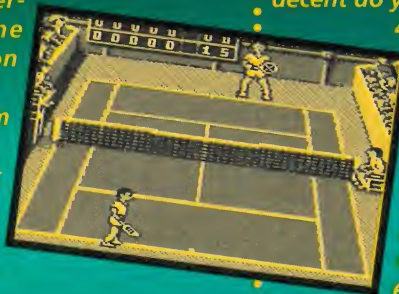
Please answer my questions.

1. What's the best tennis game other than the very old Tennis?
2. What's the best racing game out on the Game Boy?
3. Will Batman Returns come out on the Game Boy as it's out on the SNES and NES?
4. I'm thinking of getting Alfred Chicken, should I?
5. Will Global Gladiators, Top Gear, Alfred Chicken 2 and Silly Putty be released on the Game Boy?
6. Does Dave Goodyear work for any other

mag as I saw him in your sister magazine, Super Action?

Gareth Jenkins, Coventry

1. Top Ranking Tennis, we think.
2. Nigel Mansell's World Championship Racing is probably the best but Super RC Pro Am is a good alternative. Check out the Lamborghini review on page 12 as well.
3. Most unlikely, I'm afraid.
4. You could do a lot worse, with a whopping 92% it's one of the better games available.
5. No, no, no and maybe!
6. GB, Super, Mega, PC and Amiga Action are produced by the same company, Europress Interactive. Dave does players guides all over the place, thus giving him the chance to annoy everyone in the office.



Interesting (maybe)

Dear GB Action,

Hello, I have some interesting questions for you to answer. Well, sort of...

1. The games I have are Double Dragon 1 and 2, Dr. Franken, Lemmings, Terminator 2 Arcade, Top Ranking Tennis, Tetris and WWF Superstars Two. Would you rate this collection as good, bad or average?
 2. Why has your price gone up by 50%?
 3. Do you have any decent cheats for my games?
 4. Why is George Foreman's KO Boxing such a steaming pile of Jimmy's Jobby?
 5. Can you send me a free copy of Mortal Kombat?
 6. These questions are starting to self-destruct, aren't they?
 7. Erm...
 8. Bye!
- Super Swanny, Kirkcudbrightshire (honest!)

1. Some good, some well... completely naff. So we'll give it an 'average'.
2. This was a one off for the badge. Nice

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badge though, wasn't it? Prizes awarded for pictures of famous people caught wearing 'em.

3. How's about code level 24 Mayhem GXNFPL for Lemmings.

Try FJ6(Heart)T NNVVV VG208, the final level code for Dr. Franken. How much more decent do you want?

4. This particular gem must have been designed to fully represent the great man's style and ability. To this end it was quite successful!

5. If we could afford to do things like that then I very much doubt we'd be working on Game Boy mags for a living.

6. Definitely... yup!

7. Exactly.

8. Good byeee, good byeee, wipe the tear, Swanny dear, from your eyeee.



Safe Swapping

Dear GB Action,

I applied for one of your adverts (Pandora's Box) to swap my game World Cup. I've waited five weeks and I've not got my new game yet. Please could you help? I did include my £3.50.

Stuart Little, Stirlingshire

I spoke to the company in question and you can rest easy. The problem with these swap shops occurs when most people are after the latest and most popular games. There are not enough of these games to pass on to everyone and waiting for them to come in can take up to two months. Efforts are made to process orders as soon as possible but when demand outweighs supply delays occur. The solution is to be patient.

SWAPS

- I will swap my Double Dragon, TMNTurds: Fall of the Foot Clan or Mega Man for your Crash Dummies Tip Off, Jeep Jambores, Best of the Best, Timmy, Jack Nicklaus Golf, Krusty's Good Game Boy Games, I will swap for £15 each one. Call 0161 655125 after 6pm.
- I will swap my Game Boy and 8-10 & 226272.
- Will swap Land for on 02372.
- I will swap my Bunny and Double F-1 Race or Super

COMPETITION

GB Action, in conjunction with Jaleco, are proud to present yet another incredible competition.

To coincide (roughly) with the release of their superb link up footy sim, Goal, there's a stack of football related goodies on offer.

The first prize is a full international team kit of your choice, which must be worth about £80 these days. Five runners up will receive a brand new FIFA approved regulation leather football.

Again, the questions are easy and the prizes are excellent.

Remember to state your size and the strip (with a second choice) you would like if you turn out to be the lucky recipient.

Good luck to all those who enter, tough luck to those who don't.

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QUESTIONS

- 1) Who has won the most caps for England?
a) Peter Shilton
b) Bobby Moore
c) Billy Wright
- 2) Who has scored the most goals for England?
a) Gary Lineker
b) Bobby Charlton
c) Jimmy Greaves
- 3) Which of these has never played for England?
a) Bryan Robson
b) Brian Clough
c) Ronny Dils



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TIPS & GUIDES

Lost, stranded or just plain flummoxed? What you need is a good, strong cup of GB Tips, the most refreshing cheats around...



Mortal Kombat:

Messrs. Tony Lee and Martin Carr stand and take a bow, please. The moves – this is how you really do 'em!

Kano:

Spinning Blade: D-button away, towards, B

Cannonball: D-button towards, down, back, up. (Makes him spin like a demented porcupine, apparently.)

Death Blow: D-button down, towards, towards, B

Sub Zero:

Power Slide: D-button towards, down, B

Icy Shot: D-button away, towards, A

Death Blow: D-button towards, down, towards, A

Scorpion:

Teleport Punch: D-button towards, down

Spear: D-button away, away, B

Fire Breath: D-button towards,

towards, towards, A

Rayden:

Torpedo: D-button away, away, towards

Teleport: D-button down, towards

Raidenticity: D-button towards, towards, B

Sonya Blade:

Leg toss: D-button down, A+B

Flying Puch; D-button towards, away, away, towards

Energy Wave: D-button away, away, B

Liu Kang:

Concorde Kick: D-button towards, towards, A

Flame Bolt: D-button away, away, B

Helicopter Spin Kick: D-button towards, towards, away, A (we think!)



Garfield:

Some level codes to help that fat cat progress up the ladder :-

01 LFBD

02 VCSB

03 TRFF

04 ZFRG

05 NGSF

06 QDCZ

07 KCNG

08 TRBD

09 LGCK

10 WGRD

11 TCMF

12 RBCN

13 NBMF

14 GPBL

15 RBCT

16 RCNG

17 FCRF

18 YBRD

19 SGNG

20 GGLD

Thanks for these Jackie.

Darkwing Duck:

Problems killing Quackerjack? No more, with this tip from David Lewis. Run to the right and stand under the bloke who drops banana skins on you. They will miss you, honest! Face left and move up and down the platform shooting at Quackerjack. He's easy to avoid and you will kill him without losing any energy.

Faceball 2000:

Fancy skipping to level ten? Try this little cheat courtesy of Elizabeth Korbey from Brockenhurst.

When you reach the exit on level one, turn around and shoot the opposite wall. And lol A secret room containing an orb appears. Activate the orb and you can find an exit all the way to level ten.

Alternatively, play to level 5, touch the Pod and warp to level 71. Cheers to Matthew Waite of Hampton Green.

Operation C:

A busy little bee, that Matthew Waite. Here he is again, or rather if you turn to page 56 he will be...

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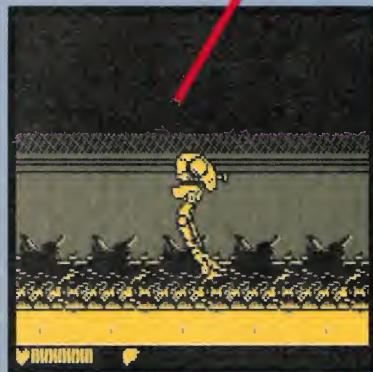
Following on from last month our intrepid guide guru now details this massive level with more dangers than you'd ever believe. The AT-ST walkers are a great help, particularly because you will be able to get in one yourself. But you'll have to leave your AT-ST behind to make the leap up to the higher platforms.

Escaping the planet of Hoth takes bravado aplenty. This should build confidence and assist in the Rebels escape...

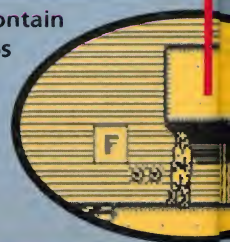
Enhance your Light Sabre here.

THE EMPIRE S

You have to be in the AT-ST walker to cross the two pits here

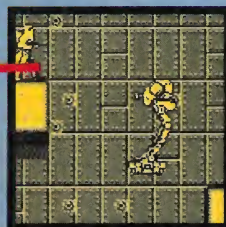


These two locations contain important power-ups you'll need later on. Don't forget to pick them up now or you'll regret it if you don't.

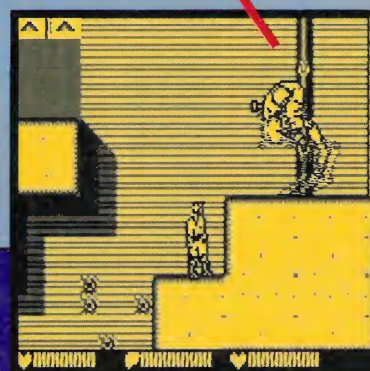


Another power-up to collect.

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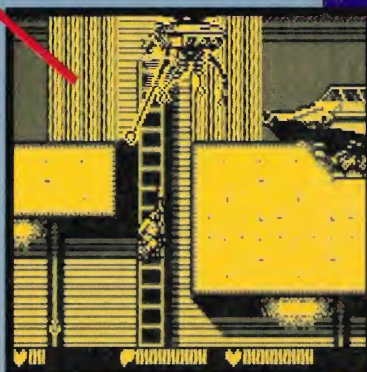


The first walker near the start of the level is best used to knock out the dangerous electric thingummies. You can now travel across the moving platforms safely.



This AT-ST is the most important part of this level. Stand here to destroy it by firing diagonally at the metal beast. Don't be too hasty in trying to blast it. Just a couple of hits from its lasers and your energy will be considerably diminished. You can't, though, be hit if you don't move.

Just as you think you're home and dry this AT-ST will arrive to prevent you from leaving - stopping you just yards from your goal. Find a safe place and blast at the armoured machine until it turns into a pile of scrap metal.



The simplest and most effective way to defeat the Probe Droid is to stand and shoot upwards from this ladder. It may take some time but you're guaranteed total safety.



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The sequel to the enormously successful Star Wars (cinematically and Game Boy wise) the towering monster of a game, taking your way through the level, is a mammoth task. There are more options, more levels and more puzzles than ever before to keep you glued to the tiny screen.

93%

1. Back in time

When last we set eyes on our hero on his quest in ancient Greece things were tough. Now it seems like the toughest thing you'll ever do. So no throwing your 'Boy around in frustration.



Remember to try making yourself little maps and writing important clues down. If you don't do this your adventures may come to a premature end. We last left our hero in conference with Poseidon and killing Siren...

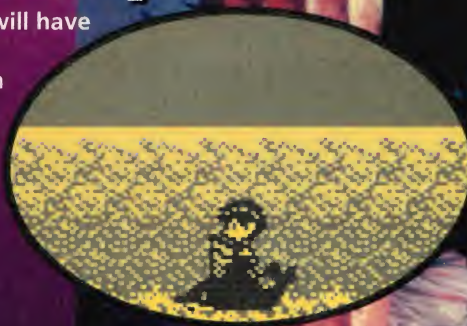


It's still causing a few problems, not only for the game players out there but also for our own guide God, Andy...

BATTLE

4. Salamander frenzy

For the all important salamander shield you will have to locate the witch who'll perform the deed. Travel back by dolphin and take 20 skins from the caves beneath the Temple of Hermes back in Argolis. If you haven't already by killing the snakes. Failure to do this will see you turned away by the witch.



5. Bracelet from Ares

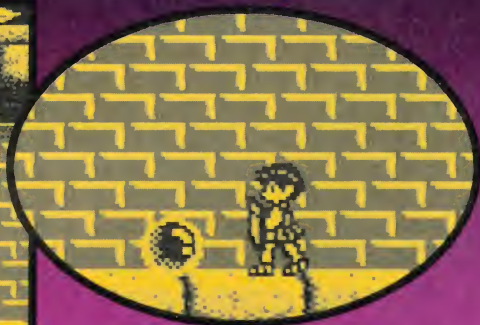
This will take plenty of running back to places you've been before. Prepare to take a trip to see Ares.



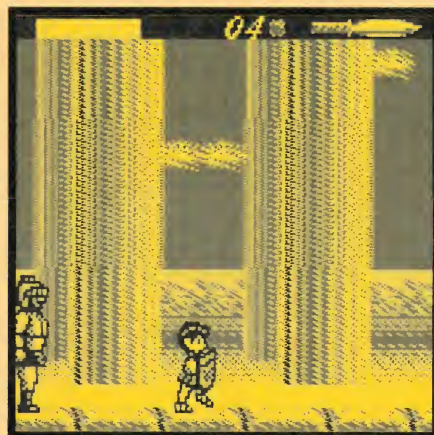
He'll give you a bracelet, a snip at 50 olives, which renders your weapons twice as powerful.

2. Cretan stopover

Once Siren is destroyed you can travel back off to the right of here and towards Crete. It's important to step inside this door and find this ghost thing to obtain an item. You will come across a couple of helpful items in Crete. Unfortunately you will need to have stocked up on salamander skins and olives. The locals are very greedy indeed.



3. In Crete



The guards around Crete are fast, tough and difficult to kill. It's best to avoid as many as possible before you receive the bracelet from Ares.

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6. Mooning around



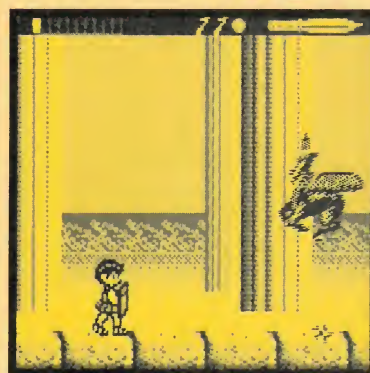
Straight after this head back out to Argolis and into the caves to the seashore. If you've done your exploration correctly you'll have been told the clue as to where you need to go next. Call your dolphin buddy and set off to Phrygia to see The Goddess Of The Moon, Artemis. Apparently she has a very important item!

7. Open the Phrygia

Phrygia is by far the toughest of the places you will have seen so far. The entrance is guarded by a horse with wings. This is best avoided at all costs. Step into the door on the right!

This is another of the dreaded maze levels and it's best to draw yourself a map so you can check your steps and prevent yourself running round in circles.

At some stage you will be making a journey to Tartarus. A helpful chappie in Phrygia will give you this important clue: left, left, right, left.



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Set in ancient Greece, *Battle of Olympus* is an enormous game. It immediately draws you into an epic struggle. Gameplay is excellent, it involves a hefty helping of violence alongside good interaction. There are many mad characters offering you clues to help you on your missions.

87%

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Up, up, down, down, left, right, left, right, B, A, B, A, start will enable you to play any level apart from the last.

Tennis:

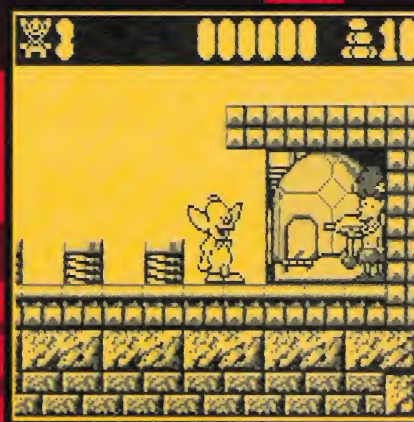
For the daftest tip we turn once again to Matthew Waite.

During play press start to pause and then select to scroll through the match info on the right hand side. Throw the ball up for a serve, stand underneath it and bounce the ball off your head for a point!



Kirby's Dream Land:

If you feel like making Kirby a little harder, press A, up and select on the title screen for an extra game. A round of applause wings its way to Derby for one Alex Mcleod.



Stuart Legg of Harrogate has kindly compiled the following codes:

Mortal Kombat:

030X1DD6 Enter 6 as X to play Goro
Enter 7 as X to play Tsung

Krusty's Fun House:

0AF20BC4 Extra blocks.

Don't activate until you are in the game. Don't use too many (a dozen plus is risky) or music will stop, graphics corrupt and you'll lose a life. Don't activate while carrying another item or it will turn into a block. Don't talk to strangers. Don't smoke. Don't do drugs. Don't have unprotected sex. Don't... just don't alright.

Empire Strikes Back:

David Rutherford of Stirling Strikes Back with loads of Force, infinite amounts in fact: 042095DA.

Tom and Jerry:

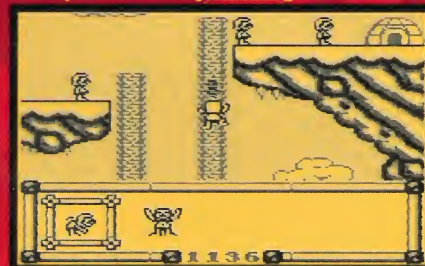
01034ED5 Infinite lives
043B1AD5 Infinite time (but turn off at end of each level)

Humans:

07C6E0CF Stops the timer
01XX94CF Level select

Faceball 2000:

A very jolly little code from Amy Pike of Hemel Hempstead. To keep the face permanently smiling 01040CC2.



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Mortal Kombat:

Some handy codes to help you battle through a little easier.

01B C3E FFF - Invincibility (Not for long).

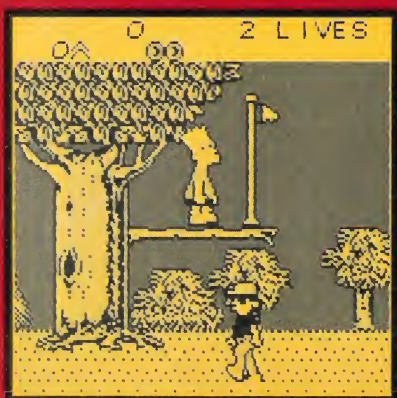
000 A3C FFF - You will be able to float (Should come in handy!).

19C B6C FFF - Try it. (That's the instruction - better had I s'pose).

009 A3C FFF + 19C B0C FFF - Walk towards opponent and press towards and B to throw them. (Won't work on Goro, though)
Ta very much for those, Gregory Allen.

Bart/Camp Deadly:

Young Simon Cooper pleaded for this to be included. Just this once



then - 999 999 999 Camp bullies, what camp bullies?

Castlevania Adventure:

Find this too easy? Well, Tim Rose can make it a bit more of a challenge.

309 E4A F8D - Makes the game harder.

420 98F 075 - Makes everything move faster

72B 848 65C - But if it's too tricky, on the other hand, this makes you invincible to most enemies.

Prince of Persia:

You've had the level codes, you've had the map (issue 11 if you don't believe me), now have the Genie codes. We're too kind.

F45 B7C 4C1 - Guards won't fight you.

187 85D 4CA - No damage from falling.

Thanks to Michael Ball for breaking his world tour to bring us these handy hints. Does the singer live in Watford?

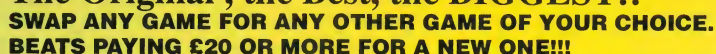
Humans:

Save some lives.

0FD 609 D5 - Start with 15 humans.

FA3 E9F 4C1 - Infinite humans - though not when restarting a level.

FA9 B7C 4C1 - Infinite game time.



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PLATFORMS

Addams Family

Ocean

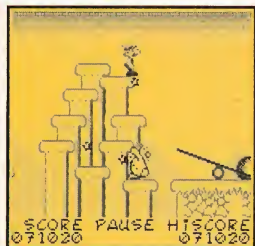
Although graphically this may not be tremendous, it's a fun and challenging game with plenty there for the taking. Competent and cute, it'll appeal to any platform loving fan of the movie. 80%

Adventure Island I & II

Hudson Soft

Two playable if not overtly difficult romps taking you around various islands in a bid to find your lost girlfriend. Nothing new on display yet nothing to slate either. 70%

Asterix INFOGRAMES



A well buckled together and challenging romp through a richly diverse range of lands is what you're getting yourself into with this lively game. Nothing unique about it and very much in the Mario vein, with plenty of finger flexing to set your pulse racing. Tres bon! 82%

Alien 3

Acclaim

The bitch is back in a search and seek out the baddies puzzling extravaganza. Plenty of exploration, and maze-like complexities that make for a teasing and very enduring challenge against the aliens. 90%

Balloon Kid

Nintendo

A weird adventure in which you chase balloons over a number of taxing levels. Simple and fun and very

cute, there are oodles of hazards to dodge and power-ups to grab. Despite this it's a bit too tedious. 71%

Bart Simpson's Escape from Camp Deadly

Acclaim

A fun and addictive cartoon licence that does Bart justice. In what other game do you get a full-on food fight? With arcadey overtones and lots and lots of challenging layers, this will certainly take some beating. 86%

Batman

Sunsoft

A platform-cum-shoot'em-up that models itself on the golden Super Mario Land. Batman romps along at a very snappy pace with tons of triggers to pull on the baddies. No sign of Robin though, which is a bit of a shame. 80%

Batman: Return of the Joker

Sunsoft

Dead, dead tough but certainly worth plugging away at, this gets old rubber pants' sequel off to a good start. Truly excellent sound FX and well snazzy graphics complement the gameplay. Loads of mileage for your hard earned money assured. That Joker returns once more! 87%

Bill and Ted's Excellent Game Boy Adventure

Acclaim

A truly excellent game for any bodacious player that'll appeal to everyone. Pretty damn hard but pleasantly so, each stage presents a tip top challenge. Graphics are naff but gameplay is ace. Will keep you air guitaring for ages. 90%

Blues Brothers

Titus

Shades on everyone! Time for a true merry go round of fun and frivolity as you cruise up and down stairways and along pulleys in a desperate search for your missing instruments. Brilliant music and graphics and a rock solid platform romp around rock 'n' roll land make this a worthy addition to any collection. 90%

Bomb Jack

Infogrames

A very simple but addictive arcade conversion in which you boing around the screen destroying fused bombs. There's 60 levels to negotiate if you can last the pace. 80%

Bubble Bobble

Taito

A stormer of a game. Extremely addictive, it's first rate action from the word go with over 200 levels and OKish graphics. Packed full of fun but the password codes make it easier than it should be. 87%

Bubble Ghost

FCI

Blow a bubble, carefully guiding it through 50 odd hazard infested screens. A game difficult enough for hardened players who think that platform romps are easy. 90%

Castelian

Storm

An impressive and challenging game that'll stretch your memory, reflexes and skill as you work your way up to the top of seven different towers. The time limit leaves no room for error and it can get annoying at times. 65%

Castlevania 2

Konami



A very enjoyable vampire themed game and one for die hard players to sink their fanged teeth into. It's thankfully much more than just a glorified platform romp as you swing around on ropes and grapple with castle keepers for your life. Vangtastic, well nearly anyway. 86%

Dragon's Lair

Elite

Incredibly hard but dead dead playable all the same. Graphic detail is super stunning as you do anything but roller coaster along collecting hundreds of pieces of a Life Stone. A real stormer. 88%

Duck Tales

Capcom

Set over five levels, there's plenty of exploration to get on down to with everyone's fave Disney characters. Although competent, playable and graphically well presented, some find it a little too easy in the long run. Quacktastic? 81%

Edd the Duck

LASERBEAM

Set over 12 levels this has all the ingredients of a fun-filled romp yet none of the longevity or class to make it too memorable. Edd's a zippy mover, perhaps too much so at times as sheer momentum rather than skill carries him through some levels. Not bad but a bit like Taz-Mania. 77%

Felix the Cat

HUDSON SOFT

Well, there's cute graphics and a snazzy character capable of changing his garb and means of transport, but at the end of the day all you get is a pretty average platformer that won't last you very long. Very paw. 70%

Fire Fighter

MINDSCAPE

Quite a nice little attempt at moving away from the traditional platform environment. You play firefighters rescuing babies and damsels in distress from burning infernos in an underground station (ahem), warehouse, office block, etc. It's hard work with some fiery obstacles, but does lapse into poor taste. 78%

The Flintstones

TAITO

Yabba-dabba-doo! Well, there's no need to get that excited because this is another stone age platform romp with admittedly excellent graphics. The let-down is that there's no Barney Rubble! 78%

Home Alone 1 & 2

Toy Headquarters

Two sad films have become even sadder games and complete dross is

what you get. The sprites are shamefully slow and gameplay is more laughable than cute little Master Culin himself, as you endlessly leg it around. Very poor! 35%

Hook

Ocean

Mixing both flying and beat'em-up sections with the traditional platform thrills, this is a high quality release. Some really great graphics and totally unstoppable gameplay make for a sure fire treat. Recommended! 85%

Joe and Mac

ELITE

A clobberingly groovy good platformer that's hard enough to lure even the toughest of gamers into its snare. Cute graphics and chuckalicious antics make for great all round entertainment through nine thudding levels. 89%

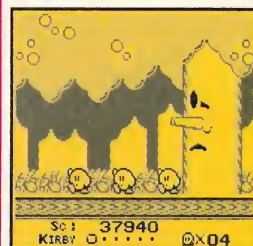
Kid Dracula

KONAMI

Although it would seem to be aimed at the younger market, the kid does his best to give you a challenge to sink your teeth into. Full of fun and twists, it's jollied along nicely despite the levels being far too short. 84%

Kirby's Dream Land

Nintendo



A gorgeously animated and incredibly cute romp around pixie land. The hero Kirby sucks in baddies, then spits them out around six levels. Although very easy it's got bags and bags of fluffy loveability. In other words buy this game. 89%

Looney Tunes

Sunsoft

A fun and highly enjoyable hike with super sparkling cartoon characters, simply gorgeous graphics and more than ample variety. It's instantly appealing but not, unfortunately, too long lasting. 90%

Max

Infogrames

A very barren, very very short platformer that's forgettable. Max is a cute character but can't rescue the failing, sluggish gameplay. 60%

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Pinball Dreams

Gametek

Silver ball action of the slickest kind. Three competitive tables pack an arcade full of features. An essential purchase for Pinball Wizards, enchanting. Lives up to its name and really is a dream come true. One of the most playable carts, You'll be hooked. 92%



Prince of Persia

MINDSCAPE

Silky smooth animation is just the polish on this very sweet turkish delight of an exploration platform game. With some very difficult problems to get around and lots of last-ing appeal it's a more mature adventure. The opening levels are perfectly designed to get you into the comprehensive controls, the final levels keep you playing on and on. 90%

Lemmings

OCEAN

The monochrome Lemmings may lack the cuteness of their console big brothers but the playability is there in full effect. 100 levels will keep you up all night, on the bus past your stop, and use up all your spare battery collection. Puzzle players will find a last-

McDonaldland

Ocean

A competent enough and quite enjoyable jaunt although it doesn't even try to offer anything new. A bit of a cross really between The Blues Brothers, Mario and a Big Mac. 80%

Mega Man I, II & III

Capcom

Although all three games don't differ much in terms of style or gameplay, the challenge just becomes greater. Mega games for the Game Boy with tons of robotic fury and swiftness combined with endless thrills and spills. Mega! 90%

Parasol Stars

Ocean

Fight through seven levels brolly bashing everything in sight with some fearsome raindrops. Graphics are pukingly cute with ultra-dreamy sprites and you'll need tons of stamina and concentration to make any headway. 76%

Popeye 2

Activision

A darn fine escapade for Popeye the sailor man. He's a fine mover and graphics are clean and not over fussy with plenty of variety through the levels. Modelled blatantly on Mario, it's not as challenging as it could be but there are lots of secret bits to find. 83%

Pop Up

Infogrames

Just bounce a ball from platform to platform, collecting each and every item on the screen. That's it. Some columns are angles, others you'll need keys for before passing through. Very samey and hard. 61%

Pugsley's Scavenger Hunt

Ocean

Not half as entertaining, nor anywhere near as challenging as the first Addams Family game. Graphics and sound FX are minimal and the game merely consists of fatso waddling around the mansion bopping enemies with his overweight bum. 71%

Rodland

Storm/Sales Curve

Simply executed and mindless meanie bopping is pleasantly entertaining with a strange charm in this sickeningly cute game. Very repetitive but nevertheless well worth a play about on. 79%

Speedy Gonzales

Sunsoft

Just what the doctor ordered! A really smart, genuinely fast six levels of unceasing taco-fuelled manic mayhem! Speedy Gonzales exudes death to hedgehogs from every pore as he

paces across your screen in a bid to rescue his mates. Definitely recommended. 90%

Spider-Man 1, 2 & 3

Acclaim

If you avoid the first game in this series, you'll have a fine web-sling of a time with a beautifully animated Spidey sprite. Levels are richly diverse as the webbed wonder defeats deadly dozens of dastardly foes. Be warned though, Spider-Man 3 is horribly difficult and huge heaps of mind-warping frustration may spoil your fun. 83%

Super Hunchback

Ocean



Addictive gameplay and humorous touches make this one platform game that stands out from the crowd. Rescuing Esmerelda will be a task to cherish for any dedicated platform nut. Almost as good as the ancient arcade game. What more is there to say? 91%

Super James Pond

Ocean

Make it a meatier challenge and this may well have been a straightforward winner. As it is it certainly invites plenty of exploration with lots of winsome characterisation and graphics, but there just aren't enough baddies to occupy you fully. It's also a mite difficult to see what's going on at times on account of the constantly black backgrounds. 80%

Star Wars

Ubi Soft

Varied and absorbing. This lasts longer than a Tatoin Winter and is far more fun. With a playably faithful version of the film's event it's a class product, even Obi Wan wouldn't be able to criticise it. May the force be with you — you'll need it! 92%

Super Mario Land

Nintendo

Released to coincide with the launch of the Game Boy itself, it may be showing its age in terms of graphic style but you can't take anything away from the absolutely fantastic gameplay. Certainly one to keep coming back to. 92%

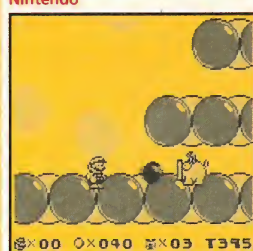
Talespin

Capcom

Jolly graphics, chirpy music and some nicely weird scrolling fail to add up to a terribly captivating licence. Still, at least it stars Baloo from The Jungle Book, and you can hum 'Bear Necessities' to yourself while playing it. 73%

Super Mario Land 2

Nintendo



A cuddly and quite exquisite platform caper that absorbs and also expands on its infamous predecessor with distinct worlds to explore and secret rooms to find. The only fault is that the battery back-up makes it far too easy, thus spoiling an otherwise excellent platform game. 90%

Taz-Mania

Toy Headquarters

Luckily for THQ, Taz marks a turning point in their fortunes. It's an actually quite good platform romp with an endearingly hungry and dizzy central character munching everything in sight. It is a bit like Edd the Duck though. 76%

Tiny Toon Adventures

Konami

Cutesy pie graphics and wonderful slickness make this a real visual treat. Jolly along with some great imaginative gameplay and what do you get? A hugely playable romp to be savoured that is in no way as easy as it first seems. 89%

Titus the Fox

Titus

Graphically this is extremely detailed and Titus is a lively little character but there's just not enough bite on offer here. Gameplay ambles slowly along rather than gallops and each background resembles the next. Crazy platform action with a cute fox thrown in for good measure. 67%

Universal Soldier

Accolade

Wielding more punch than Rocky this is non stop action all the way. A great control system with tons of moves to master. Maiming and killing has never been so much fun. Jean Claude Van Damme it's good. 80%

BEAT'EM-UPS

Battletoads

Trade West

Time to set about rescuing your pals in a clobber happy battle with shades of a platformer chucked in there. A great little game that's action all the way. An absolute office fave, well nearly anyway. 91%

Double Dragon

1, 2 & 3

Acclaim

The whole series is dead dull and oh so boring as you stalk the streets and punch your way through the odd wave of henchmen, getting mangled every so often. Totally thrill-less. 25%

Lethal Weapon

Ocean

Action is go, go, go and the game does get better and more involving the more progress you make but, sadly, there is a lack of moves to perform, making it more dull and boring than exciting. 72%

Mortal Kombat

Acclaim



Even without the blood and guts, colour, Johnny Cage, and that ole 16-bit magic, Mortal Kombat is still a highly successful conversion. You beat people up, surprise, surprise, but in a number of endearingly vicious but sadly PG-rated ways. Better than ice-cream. 87%

Pit-Fighter

Toy Headquarters

Tons of choice on offer here with a mere five opponents, yeah right, I don't think! Earn money with more muscles and beat the living daylight out of the others with your special moves. Boring, boring, boring, boring, get the message? 33%

Raging Fighter

Konami

A slap happy, stumble over your shoelaces game rather than a full blooded raging fight. There's seven fighters to choose from and a vast array of moves, but it hasn't quite enough guts to punch you. It should be good but it's really quite middle of the range. 74%

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Ultra Games

Will they ever stop taunting us with their ridiculousness? Run along the scrolling scenery while beating up warriors, yeah, dead boring. Graphics are pretty cool but they can't redeem this game. 59%

WWF Superstars 1, 2 & 3

Acclaim

The graphics always get bigger and better, but if you've got one of these games then no way do you need any of the others. The wrestlers have had their heyday. Just wish they'd leave us alone and stop churning the damn games out. 54%

SHOOT'EM-UPS

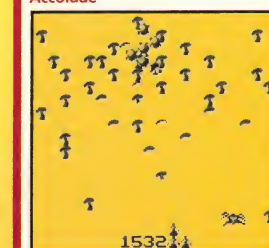
Asteroids

Accolade

A faithful blow by blow version of the smash hit coin-op. Old as the hills but still loved by millions. It looks a bit dated on the old 'Boy and is very barren, yet has tons and tons of nostalgia value. 73%

Centipede

Accolade



Based on the ancient coin-op success, this remains faithful to its grandad and has been converted to the little screen as well as could be expected. Hugely repetitive and simple, it becomes a little wearisome sooner rather than later. An old classic back from the dead. 60%

Drop Zone

Mindscape

A golden oldie to hit the Game Boy with all the concentration on gameplay and none on graphic detail. It packs a potent punch but is just far too hard and samey to offer serious long-term appeal. 77%

Facebook 2000

Bullet-Proof

Basically Pacman in 3D as you travel at break-neck speeds around a maze of corridors, zapping hordes of others in your way. Average in one player mode the fun really starts when up to four players begin to compete. Then its above average, just. 76%

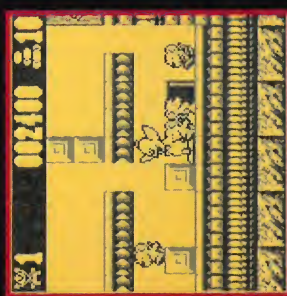
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ing challenge to fall in love with and want to marry. 95%

Krusty's Fun House

Acclaim

Hi Kids! Bart's all time fave TV show trips onto the green screen with class. A platform puzzler that's got very little to do with the Simpsons (aww), but everything to do with infuriatingly addictive gameplay! The 60 plus levels will take ages to battle through. The ability to play the levels in any order, plus passwords to keep you going when you get stuck, a very good package. 92%



Super RC Pro Am

Nintendo

Slick fast and playable, loads of tracks and the four playerLink option offers the greatest multi player fun the 'Boy can offer. Car upgrades, weapons and tough competitors keep the fun going when you're playing alone. The sort of game you can just pick up for a quick game and play all day. Full of fun, the Link option must be played to be believed. 89%



Fortified Zone

Jaleco

Nuke your way through four levels overloaded with gun toting guardians and warriors. You need a fast trigger finger but use very little thought in order to win. 65%

Hunt for Red October

Hi Tech Expressions

A horizontally scrolling shooty shooty affair in which you take control of a Russian submarine as you shoot through obstacles and loads of nuclear armed enemies. Straightforward, with tricky little bits and really nice presentation. 65%

Navy SEALs

Ocean

Control a crack team of undercover marines with some deadly missions to complete. Graphics are well above par but four levels don't sufficiently hold your interest for long enough. 73%

Nemesis 1 & 2

Konami

Widely regarded as the ultimate definitive blasts on the diddy screen, and quite rightly so. They're fast-paced trigger-happy palaver right from the off and quite tough to get your teeth into. Needs perfection on the reflex front. Will you ever reach the end? 90%

Pang

HUDSON SOFT

Extremely simple yet immensely compulsive, all you have to do is trek around the world popping bubbles which then divide into smaller bubbles and so on. Only the sharpest of shooters will survive in this gentle shooty game which holds a lot of lasting charm. 74%

Probotector

KONAMI

Gung-ho blast and be damned warfare at its very, very fiercest. If GB blasting is your cup of tea, then you can't go far wrong with this bundle of dynamite. Red hot. In fact, hotter than a very hot thing! 91%

RoboCop 2

Ocean

An improvement on the first game yet still not particularly awe inspiring as RoboCop wipes out drugs and thugs and tries hard to uphold the law. The difficulty setting is just right to make it worth a little look. 73%

R-Type I & II

Irem

Venture into the blackness of space for a blasting freak's dream. Everything here is represented to the best of the 'Boy's ability and is superbly drawn. Excitement is assured as you streak across space

avoiding the taste of death. Not much to choose between them. 88%

StarHawk

ACCOLADE

Alien blasting that follows the norm as you shoot through the scrolling heavens. It's very detailed and well presented but innovation has been overlooked and each of the five worlds lack originality. 69%

Star Trek

ULTRA GAMES

A game that boldly goes where so many other games have gone before. Plenty of levels but warp drive is about as fast as a Robin Reliant uphill, and all the planet wandering becomes a bit lame. 60%

Terminator 2: The Arcade Game

Acclaim

A head-on attack of ultra violence, nothing more, nothing less. Backdrops are complicated and it's easy to lose your target among the rubble and figure out just exactly what the heck you're supposed to annihilate. 76%

Terminator 2

Acclaim



A six stage shoot'em-up that comes across as an excellent movie licence with plenty of variety and toughness to cope with. Quite complicated with loads of messy backgrounds and numerous sprites in there, but certainly guaranteed to last you a long, long time. 84%

Xenon II

Mindscape

A vertically scrolling blast through molluscs and weird deep sea creatures. Graphic detail is well researched but gameplay itself is too tame to be worthy of a trip down memory lane. 63%

DRIVING GAMES

Days of Thunder

Mindscape

Not really fast enough to satisfy racing pros and even fewer thrills and spills to keep you coming back. I'll say this for it, the car drives nice and

smoothly and its pretty hard. All in all, though, its just too bland to get a remotely decent mark. 41%

Ferrari Grand Prix Challenge

Acclaim

It may have all the mod cons and technical stuff but frankly it's downright boring with too little challenge. Very poor indeed. A Reliant Robin of a driving game. 49%

F-1 Race

Nintendo

A roaring speedster of a game that comes with a four-play link-up adaptor to make for one heckuva big monster of a top competitive challenge. Fast and frantic, it plays like a big bag of dreamy juicy sweetmeats. 88%

Motocross Maniacs

Palcom

Graphically simplistic, this little gem oozes sheer playability with eight different courses and loop the loops to enjoy. Obstacle packed, and full of frenzy it's a perfect biking sim. 80%

Race Drivin'

TOY HEADQUARTERS

Lots of mean machines and fiendish circuits to choose from and good 3D perspective make this an easy-to-get-into, but challenging, sim. The ramps are cool. 73%

Road Rash

Ocean

A nasty little rash that is most irritating. Don't be impressed by the beat 'em up connection, one type of punch hardly transforms a poor racer into anything worthwhile. 53%

SPORTS

All-Star Challenge 2

ACCLAIM

This is basketball on half a court with side on and facing the basket views. Tons of options and top quality graphics don't really create as much sweaty feel as you'd like though and its appeal is limited. 74%

Bases Loaded

JALECO

A heckuva good baseball sim that, once perfected, will offer hours of enjoyment. Graphics and sound aren't too hot but the game's controllable enough and builds up just the right amount of tension to give you a run for its money. 87%

George Foreman's KO Boxing

Acclaim

Lily livered punches and non-existent gameplay make this the worst fight sim ever as the big fat waddler stands rooted to the spot with a jab once every blue moon, if you're lucky.

Rank gameplay and ranker graphics, this is awful. If you must buy a boxing game get Muhammed Ali's instead. 24%

Hit The Ice

TAITO

Unfortunately this game doesn't quite hit the mark. OK, it plays well enough yet lacks that certain je ne sais quoi to live up to expectations. Playable only as a diversion rather than full blooded sports action ice hockey. 73%

Jack Nicklaus Golf

Trade West

Simple to play with a great learning curve and good realistic graphics. As with real life golf you can never truly master the game but it's enjoyable to try. If the Ryder Cup's inflamed your golfing appetite then try this. 80%

Jordan Vs Bird

Electronic Arts

Not a full blown basketball simulation, more like a game involving two players, one basket and a ball. Doesn't really work as well as it might have done. Not the best basketball game around. 73%

Mario Tennis

Nintendo



Mario and Luigi battle it out with backhands and volleys in this wonderfully realistic sim. Just about the best possible Tennis game you could fit on the screen. It's fast, addictive and four difficulty levels calls for sound tactical thinking. This gets played a lot round the office. 89%

Mario Golf

Nintendo

With everything you could possibly need for a few rounds and a battery back-up to boot, this is a near perfect sim for budding enthusiasts with plenty of different holes to negotiate. Fore! 80%

Side Pocket

Nintendo

Not really the pool simulator you're led to expect. All you do is knock the balls around a six holed table and pot them in numerical order. The appeal soon wanes. 63%

Speedball 2

Mindscape

A future sport game combining brutal non stop action in the arena with team management and coaching, strengthening a squad of 12. Chuck a steel ball around and try to knock your pal on their butt. A not terribly top hand held conversion of the Amiga classic. 60%

Tip Off

Imagineer

With two teams moving at an incredible speed it's difficult to figure out just what the heck's going on and the whole caboodle thus disintegrates into a blurred mess. Not one of the greatest basketball sims on the shelves to say the least. 64%

Track and Field

Konami

Leaving all other sports sims standing perfectly still, this game is tough enough and varied enough to guarantee great mileage. Get to compete in various challenges, and try to come out top of the pile. 90%

SIMULATIONS

F-15 Strike Eagle

Microprose

The ultimate flight simulation with tons of acrobatic dogfights and targets to zoom in on. Graphics and sound are great and the control system is simple to master. 87%

Phantom Air Mission

ACTIVISION

An ambitious attempt at a flight sim which, on the whole, works out quite well. In between take-off, sorties and refuelling you have to use your radar to track down enemy craft. Unfortunately, each mission has a somewhat uncanny resemblance to the last, so you may well become bored too quickly. 72%

Top Gun

Konami

For a flight sim this isn't very flight simmy. Action simply revolves around popping enemy fighters with a steady and accurate gun rally. The rest of the time is spent aimlessly cruising around the skies. Not exactly a Tom Cruise of a game this one, not even an Alex Lee of a game 67%

PUZZLERS

Boxle 1 & 2

FCI

You shift around a selection of boxes, moving them to their correct position as indicated by a marker. Sounds boring but it isn't. Two real brain teasers make a pleasant change from more run-of-the-mill offerings. A pretty good effort in all. 80%

Essential Game Boy Purchases Essential Game Boy Purchases Essential Game Boy



Alfred Chicken

MINDSCAPE

Possibly the best platformer of the lot. What more needs to be said? Challenging, addictive and a fine purchase, if you are sick of platformers then this is the perfect cure. Play it through, then play it again and again. Superb. 92%



Best of the Best: Championship Karate

LORICEL

This red blooded bruiser lives up to its name in a perfect conversion of the SNES cruncher. Loads of moves, speed and will to win, it really knocks the competition out for the count. Don't sit there dreaming about SF2, go out and go a few rounds with this knock out cart. 93%

Parodius

KONAMI

The programmers behind the greatest blasters show they've got a sense of humour as well. The variety and originality lift this just above Nemesis 2. Cuteness often equals childish simple play, not here. Belly dancers and prancing piggies provide exciting cannon fodder. 90%

Brain Bender

Gremlin
Alter the angle of mirrors to direct a laser beam through all the nasty objects. Could have been fabulous but the time-limit is ridiculously short, leaving you mad. 59%

Dr Mario

Nintendo
Supposed to be a bit like Tetris but it falls flat on its face. The object is to line up lots of coloured pills in a jar. A major disappointment all in all considering the cool Dr Mario connection thrown in there. 42%

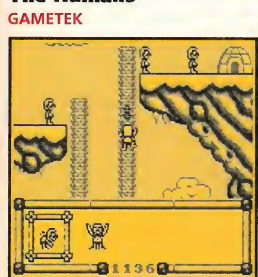
Garfield

KEMCO
Doesn't stray too far off the beaten track as far as puzzlers go, but still an enjoyable play with a password option that sustains your interest through some of the more difficult labyrinths. Garfield drills through blocks, finds keys and opens gates to get into new rooms, all while warding off the nasty villains. 87%

Godzilla

VIRGIN GAMES
This blast from the past is an ordinary re-issued 64 level puzzler. But there's a criminal shortage of radioactive breath and Tokyo-stomping from the big green dude in the large rubber suit. Shame. 65%

The Humans



GAMETEK
Plenty of mind bending puzzles around as you direct a bunch of gormless neanderthals over 28 varied terrains. Well presented, tons to chew over and a very good Lemmings sideline. It might get a little bit tedious if this isn't your cup of tea. A potential rival to that classic Lemmings. 87%

Kwirk

Acclaim
Guide a tomato through single screen maze-like rooms, shifting boxes and filling holes. Doesn't sound much I know, but rather good anyway. 88%

Marble Madness

Mindscape
You control a glass marble against the law of gravity, directing it

through twisty and turny passages with massive drops and tiny corridors to negotiate. 62%

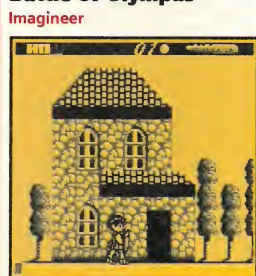
Q*bert

Nintendo
Set on an isometric pyramid of three dimensional cubes you jump up and down to change the overall colour. A classic old Atari game and a stupid idea, but one which is enjoyable. 83%

Splitz

Imagineer
A mind warping game that's just like a slide puzzle only this time you piece together the faces of famous people. This is one cool challenge with loads of skill required. Excellent fun. Elvis spotted in Game Boy game!!! 85%

Battle of Olympus



Imagineer
Set in ancient Greece this is a huge game that's bound to draw you into a long and exciting epic. Graphically excellent it involves a hefty whack of well presented violence alongside good interaction with all the freaky characters who offer you clues and set you on your many missions. 87%

Tetris

NINTENDO
You all know the score with this old bird. Move various shapes around the screen to form lines and advance to further levels. Totally addictive, but in a lego block-frustration type way mate! 95%

Yoshi's Cookie

NINTENDO
A bit similar to Tetris but only half as addictive. Lines of five cookies zoom in from the top and side of the screen and you have to match up similar ones to make them disappear. The further in you get the faster they fly. Trading on the name one thinks. 76%

ROLE PLAY

Mystic Quest
NINTENDO
A hugely engrossing arcade adventure that should last a long while. There's a multitude of mental puzzles to solve and places to explore. It's a veritable role-playing super dream

treat. Also known as Final Fantasy Adventure. 85%

Prince Valiant

Ocean
Too little action and too much space in which to do it. Cruising around aimlessly trying to find someone to fight isn't the most thrilling of activities and you get little reward for your exertions. 65%

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves

Mindscape
Both combat, skill and puzzle orientated with some damn fine character interaction along with plenty of fun. This is full of riches for any role play fan and aspiring man in tights. Difficult to get into at first, true enough, but well worth the effort if you stick with it. 85%

Ultima: Runes of Virtue

FCI
A massive adventure that'll take eons to finish. Punishing but compelling as you search for the runes in the wilderness, mingling hack 'n' slay episodes with lots of brain rummaging. 79%

MISCELLANEOUS

Bart Vs the Juggernauts

Acclaim
As Bart Simpson you must master the total art of skateboarding, weightlifting and square hopping in a series of diverse and stupidly hard events requiring great skill, strength and strategy. It will take you ages in order to get it right. 85%

Battleship

Mindscape
A modernised version of the dated classic board game as you get to battle it out with a fleet of ships on a grid. The graphics are kept to a minimum and in one-player mode it's easy to lose interest. 67%

Caesar's Palace

Ocean
Whether you're a card player or a roulette fancier, even if you just like money you can beat that gambling addiction in your own home. Every whim is catered for and nicely implemented to make it worth a look. 77%

Chessmaster

Hi tech Expressions
A stunningly accurate portable conversion of the age old classic concentration board-game with nothing omitted. Clear and concise, if you love chess, you'll love this to bits. Recommended to all you budding chessmasters out there in the great beyond! Plays a much better game than Nigel Short! 91%

Choplipter II

JVC
Lots to see, and loads to do, and lots to get you well and truly involved in this helicopter sim cum shoot'em-up. Graphics don't amount to anything much really but playability is where it really comes good. All in all an alright shoot'em-up. 78%

Crash Dummies

Acclaim
A quite original and chuckalicious game that offers more variety than is at first apparent. There may well be only five easy basic levels but things really do start to hot up with even more obstacles to avoid second and third time around. All too easy to get totally hooked on. Clunk click, every single trip! 87%

Jurassic Park



Ocean
A fairly playable collect 'em up without the action you'd expect from the film. Searching for eggs becomes a bit boring but the rest is pretty good. Graphics are well stylish but maybe could have been better. There's plenty to do and see, but it's no classic. Fans of the film should take a look. 85%

Paperboy 1 & 2

Mindscape
Dated, slow, and frankly quite boring, you simply move around suburbia delivering newspapers, dodging dogs, grids, and grumpy neighbours. Oh how thrilling! 56%

Populous

Imagineer
Want an intense personal challenge with a learning curve? You've got one. Want to play God? You ARE God! Hours of involvement and strategy to be had as you, playing God, govern the fortunes of your subjects. Thoroughly engrossing. 91%

Rampart

MINDSCAPE
Build or die in a medieval heave-ho involving power, battle and bricks. It's tough and frantic as you rebuild walls within a time-limit and prepare for much rougher onslaughts. 83%

Revenge of the 'Gator



Nintendo
A delightful little pinball game and extremely addictive. There are five separate tables, bonus rooms, realistic ball motion and all the obligatory buzzes, bells and bleeps. The scrolling is a bit jerky but then again the game-play is easily good enough to ignore that. 87%

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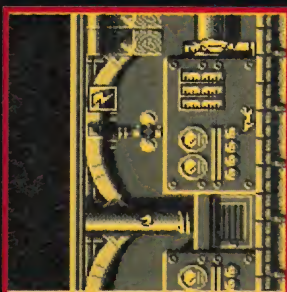
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Essential Game Boy Purchases



Dr Franken

ELITE
Spookily special adventure here as Franky searches a gothic horror of a castle in order to reunite his girlfriend (Bitsy), literally reunite. Its her body bits that he searches for. Loads of nasties, locations and challenges add up to extreme quality, even better than the excellent sequel. Perhaps not to everyone's taste, but certainly a welcome change from endless platform forms. 92%



The Empire Strikes Back

UBI SOFT
This sequel is bigger, better, harder, incredible. You'll be glued to the screen and won't want to stop. A beautifully constructed adaptation that has lots to do with the film. Probably the finest film tie in to date. Something special that you won't complete in a day! 93%

Check out the GB Action guide every month for the definitive list of what's what in the world of the 'boy.

SWAPS

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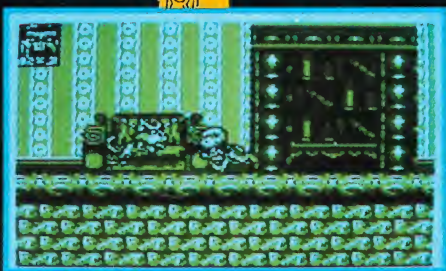
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